KATSUHIRO OTOMO
TAKUMI NAGAYASU

MOTHER SARAH

6. DÉSERTEURS

DELCOURT

COLLECTION
CONTRE
BANDE

'95 TAKUMI

THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A HARD BATTLE HERE...

A REAL MASS GRAVE...

LOOK AT THIS ONE, BARELY 20 YEARS OLD... WHAT A WASTE!

HOOO ...

HISSE!

...

SARAH, HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH?

YOU THINK ABOUT LOOKING AT ALL THE CORPSES ONE BY ONE, THAT'S CRAZY!

!

WAAH, A PLANE!

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT KIND OF THING STILL EXISTS...

MOTHER SARAH

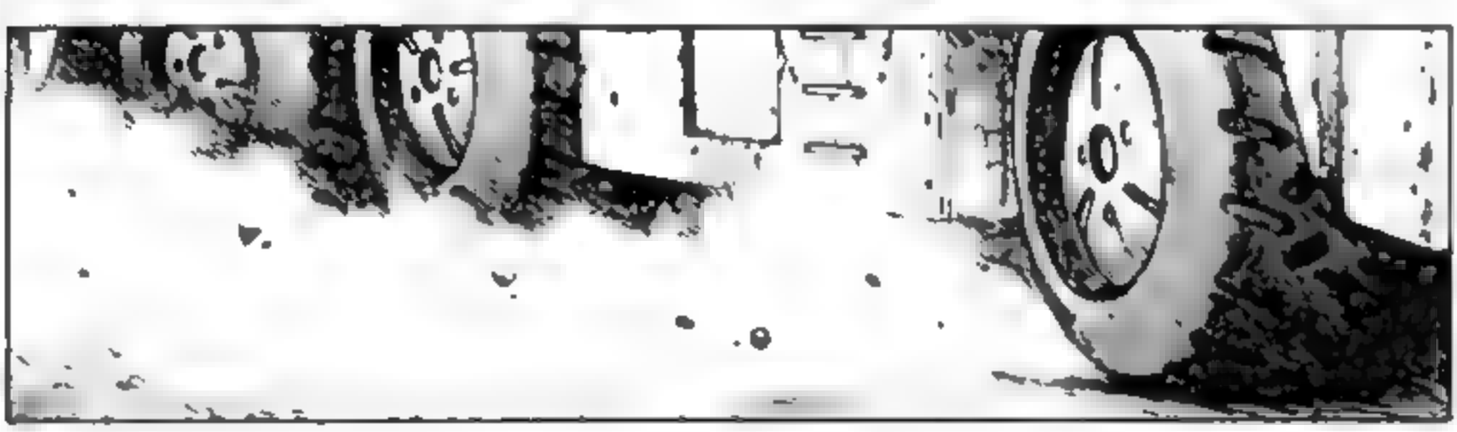
6. DESERTERS

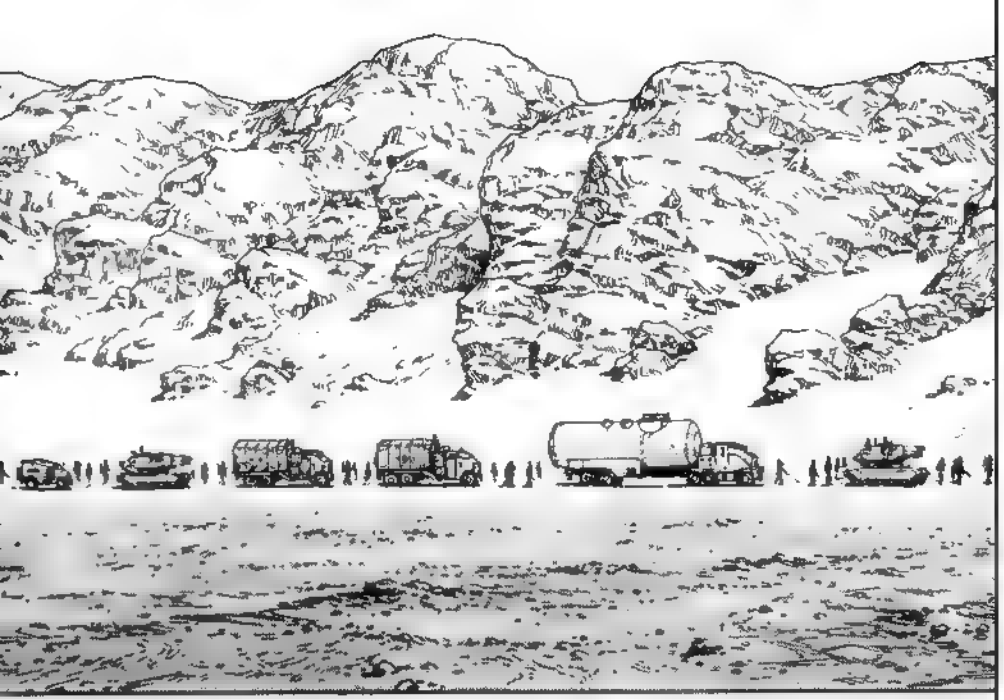
SCENARIO :
KATSUHIRO OTOMO

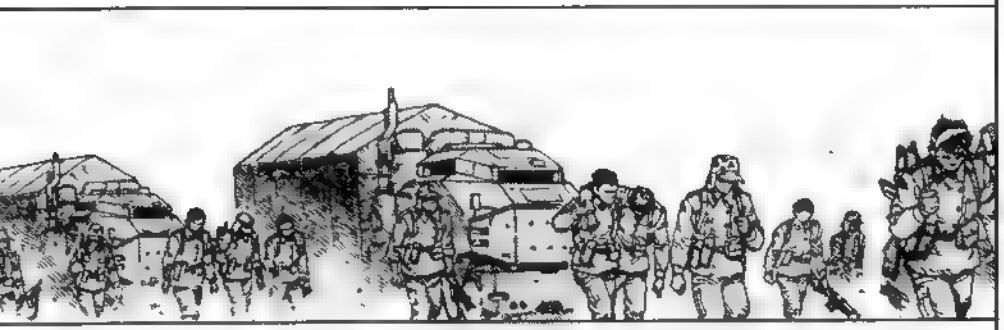
DRAWING :
TAKUMI NAGAYASU

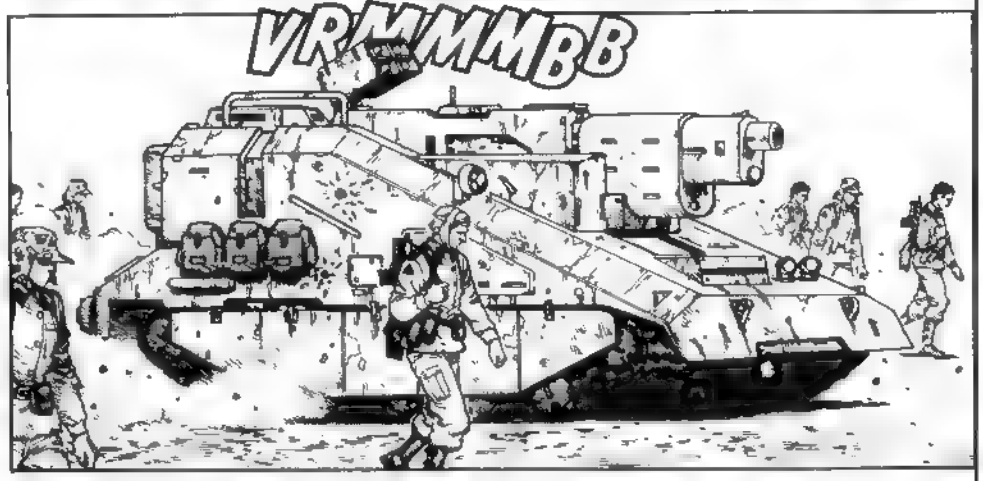
HARATO.
TSUMUR....

VRMMMBB





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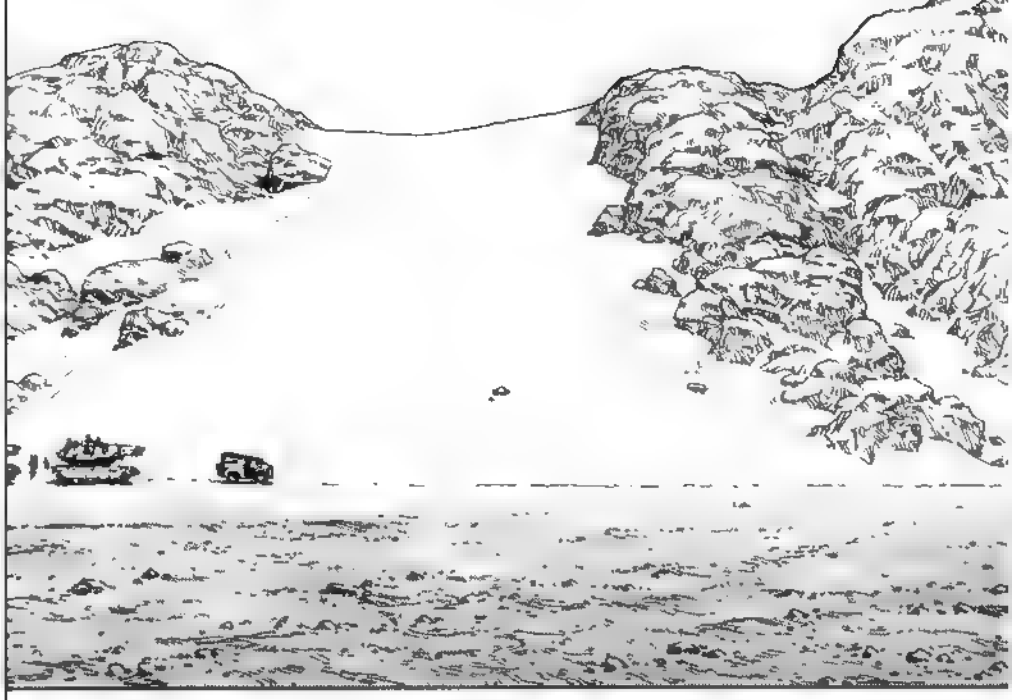
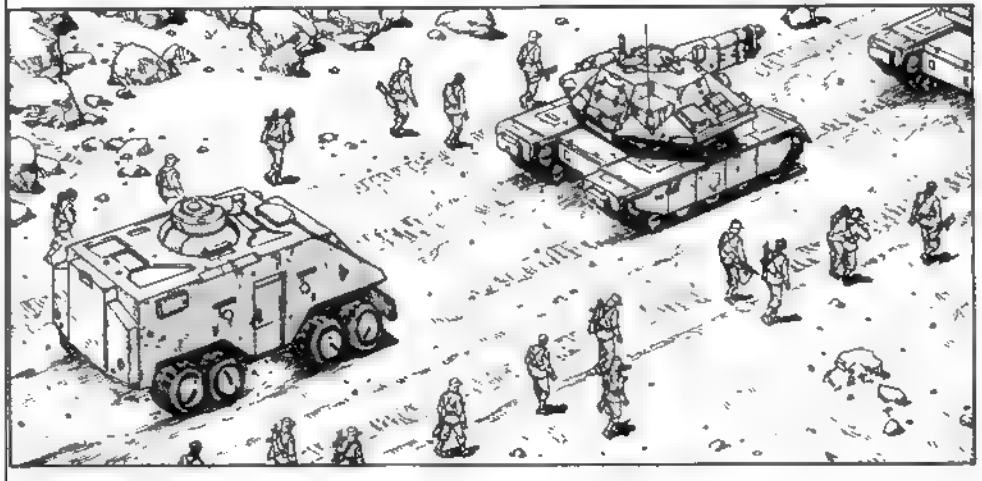
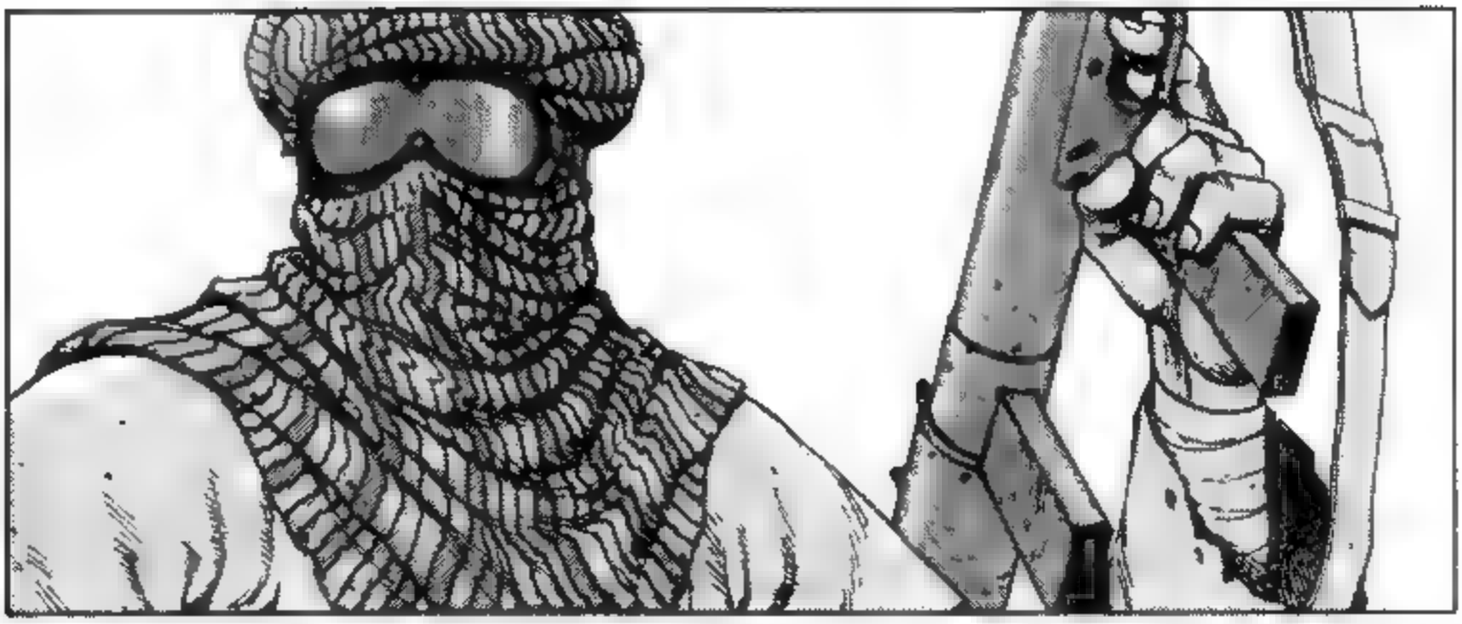
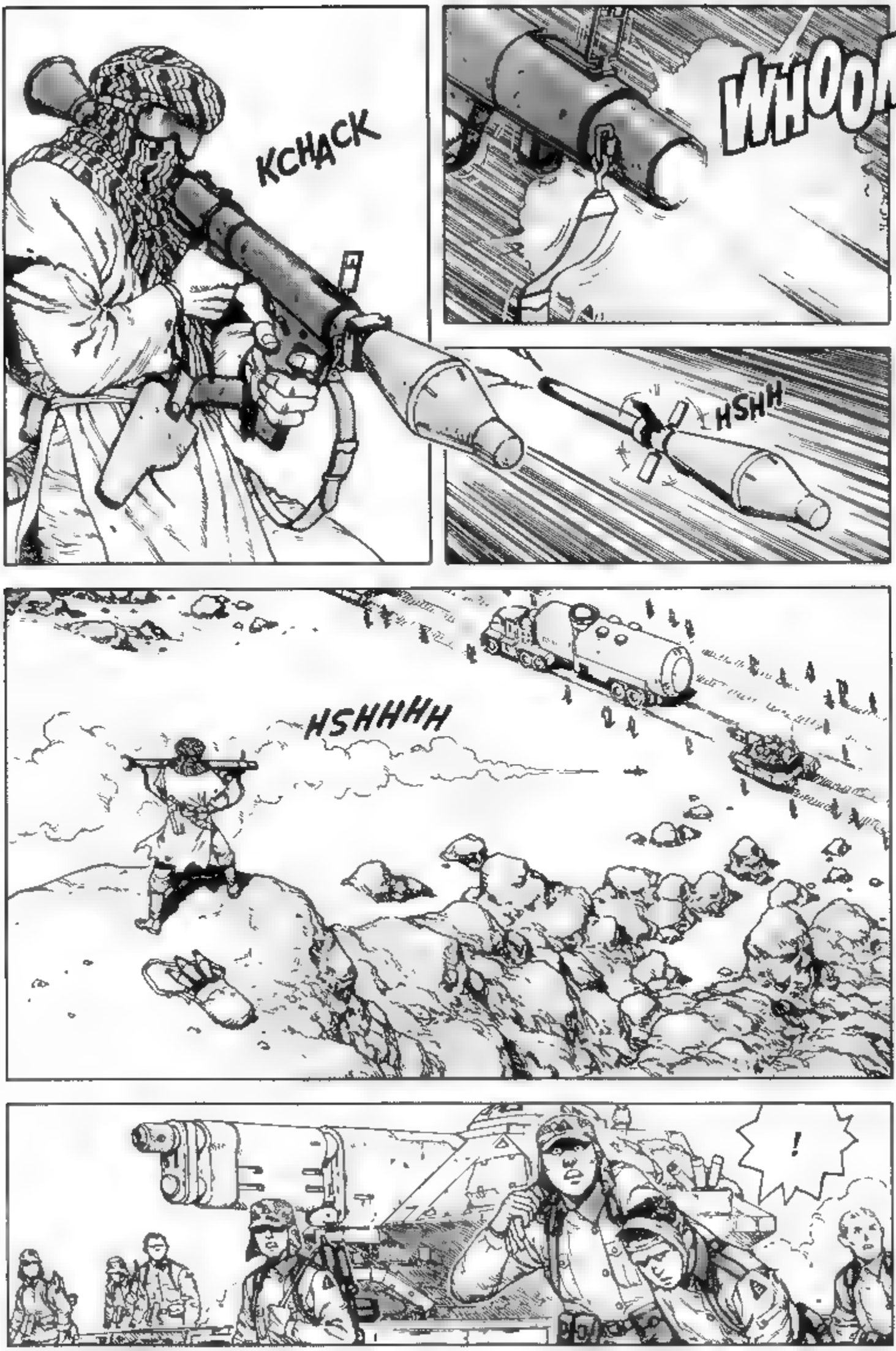




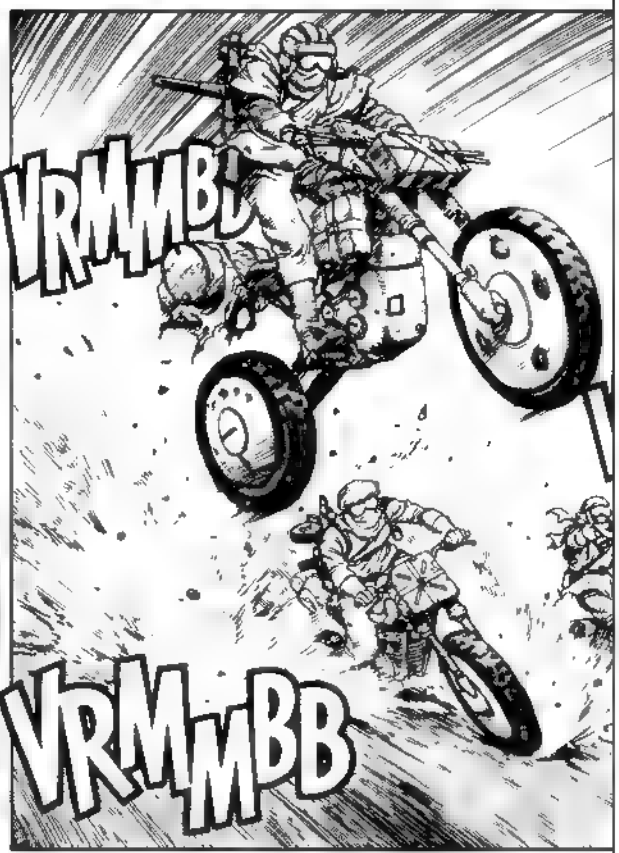


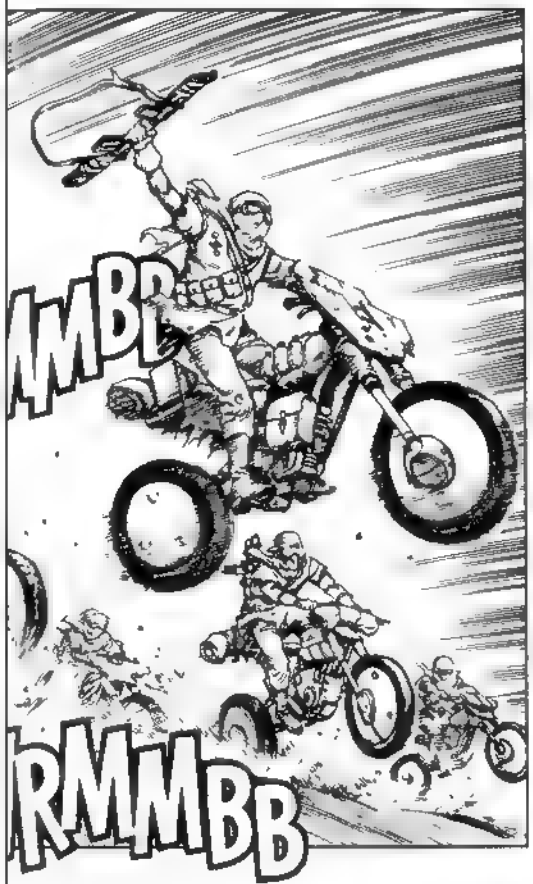

KCHACK
WHOOK
HSHH
HSHHHH
!

WA
AA
AH!

BOOM
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

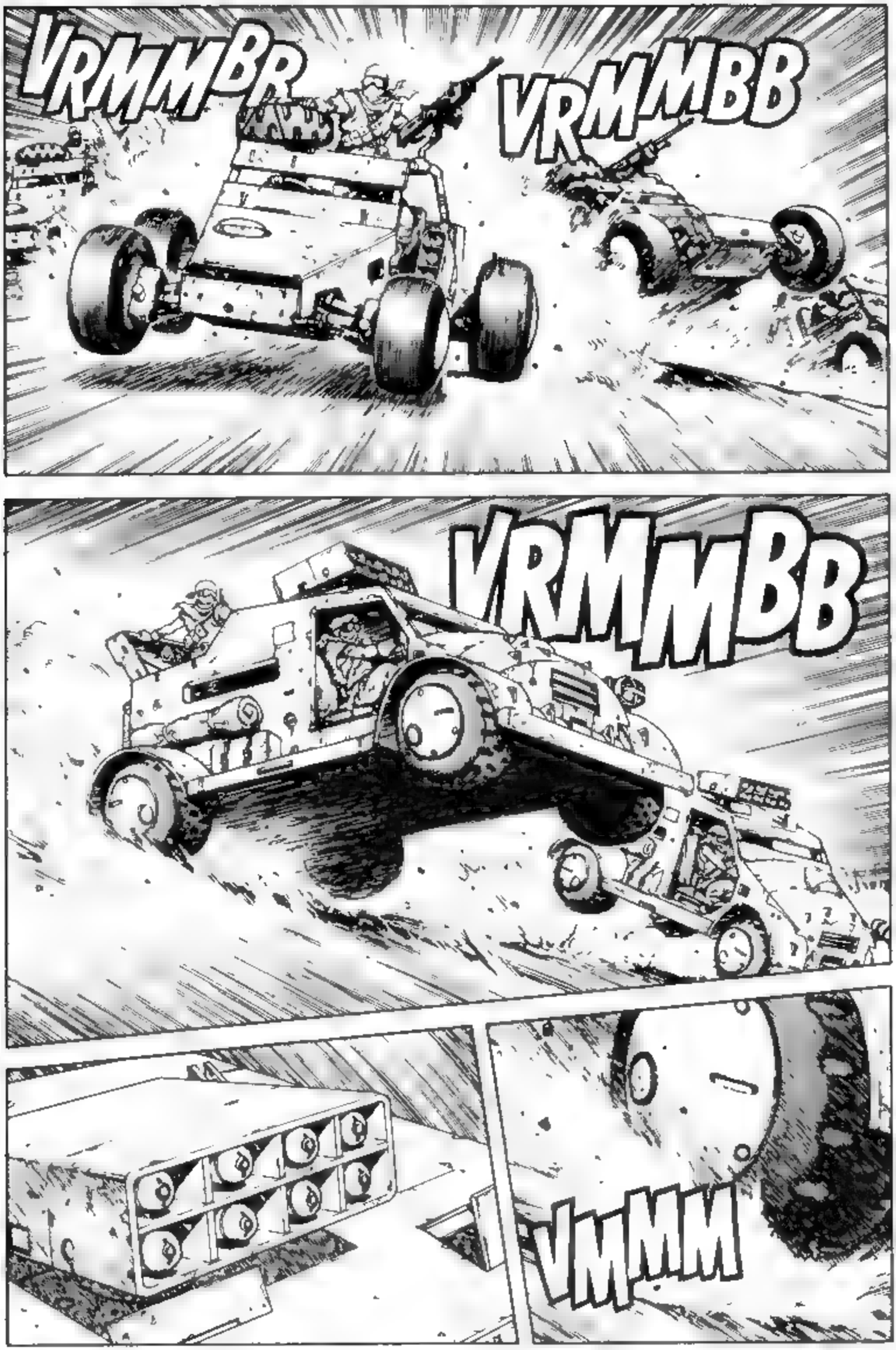
LET'S GO!!


VRMMBB
VRMMBB


MBB
RMMBB

!

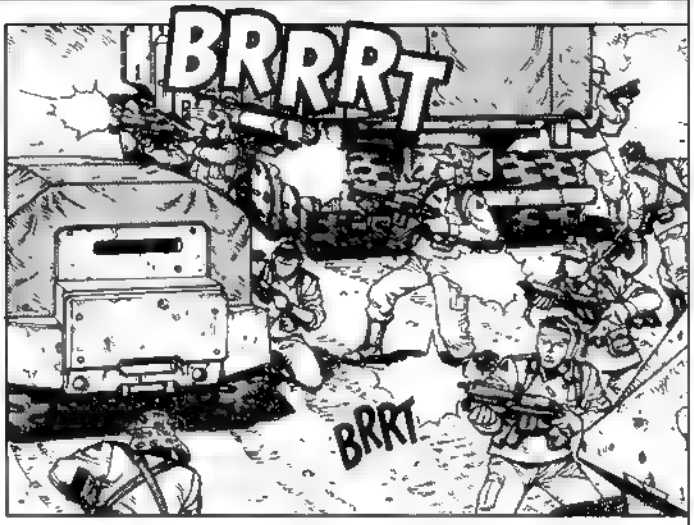
WHO ARE THEY...?!

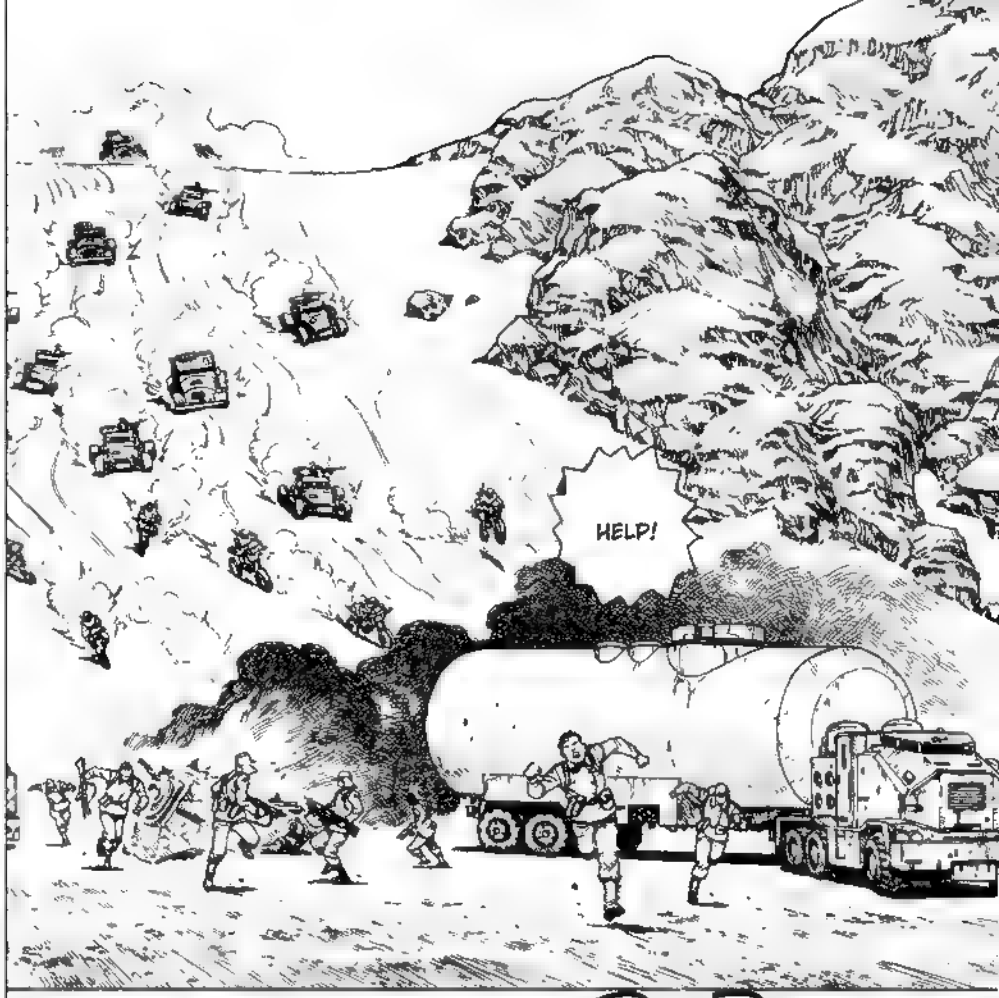

VRMMBR
VRMMBB
VRMMBB
VMMM

VRMMMBB
KCHAK
WHOOMM

BKOOM!!!
WAH!

FIRE, FIRE!

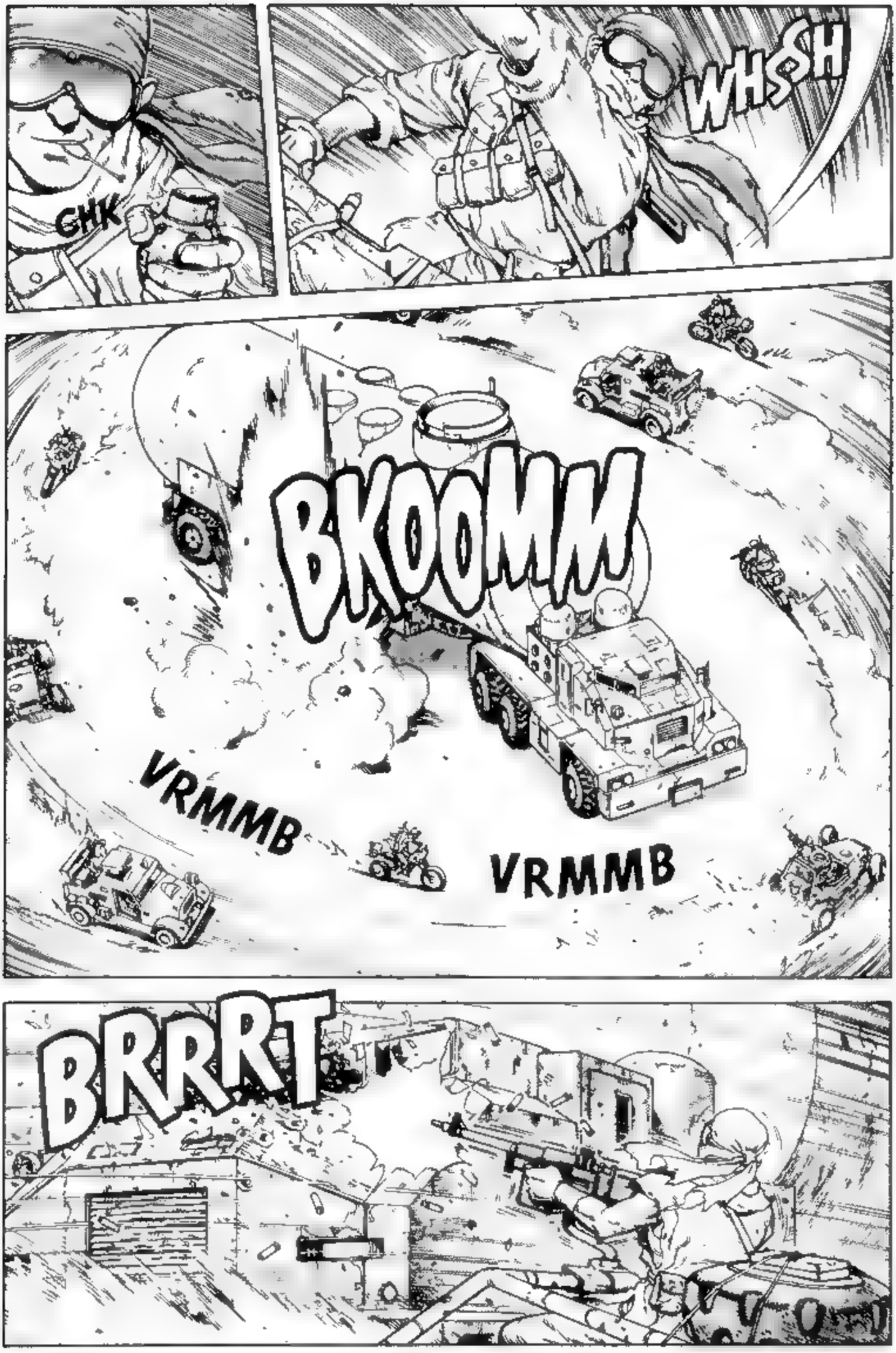

BRRRT
BRRT


HELP!

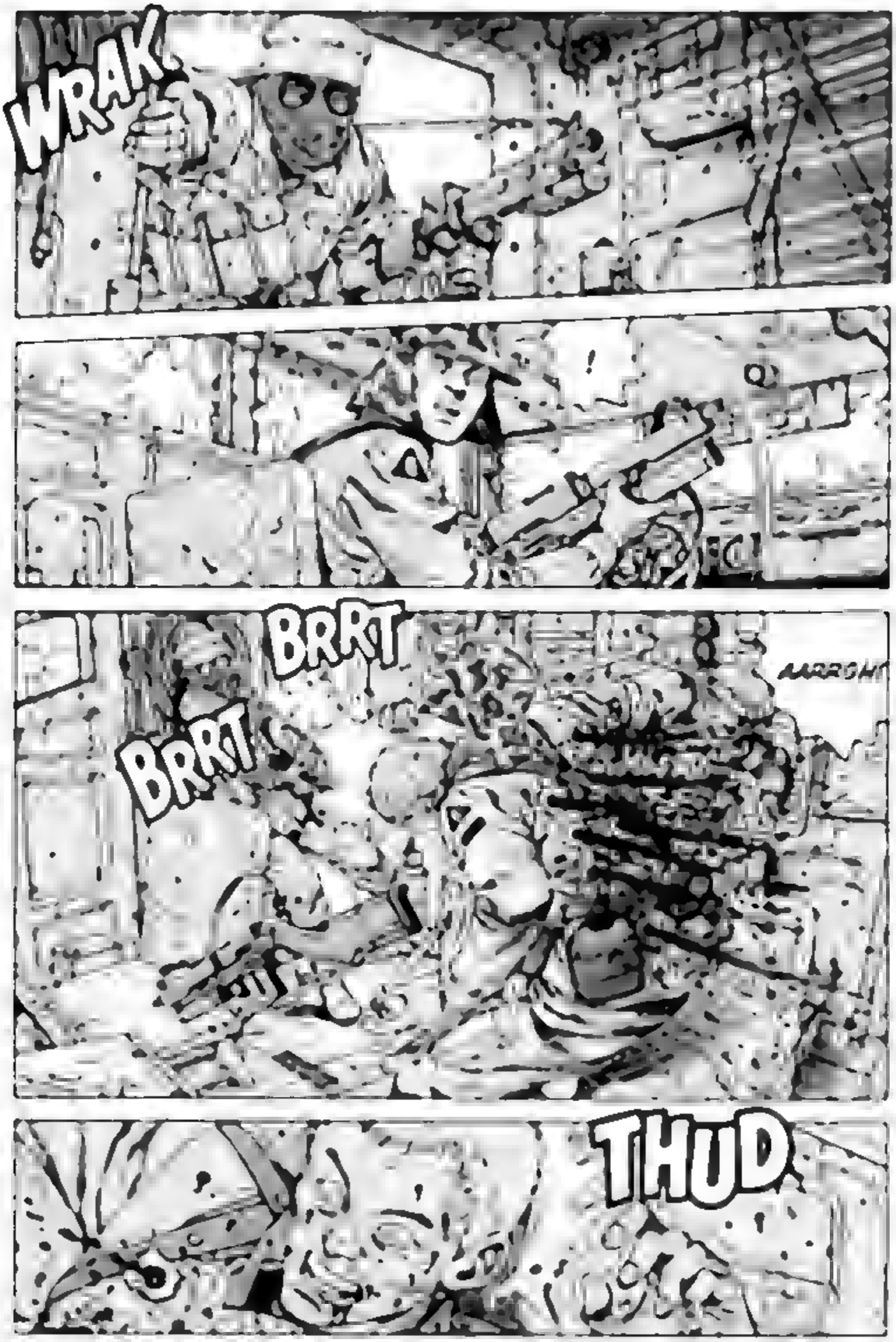
BRRRT

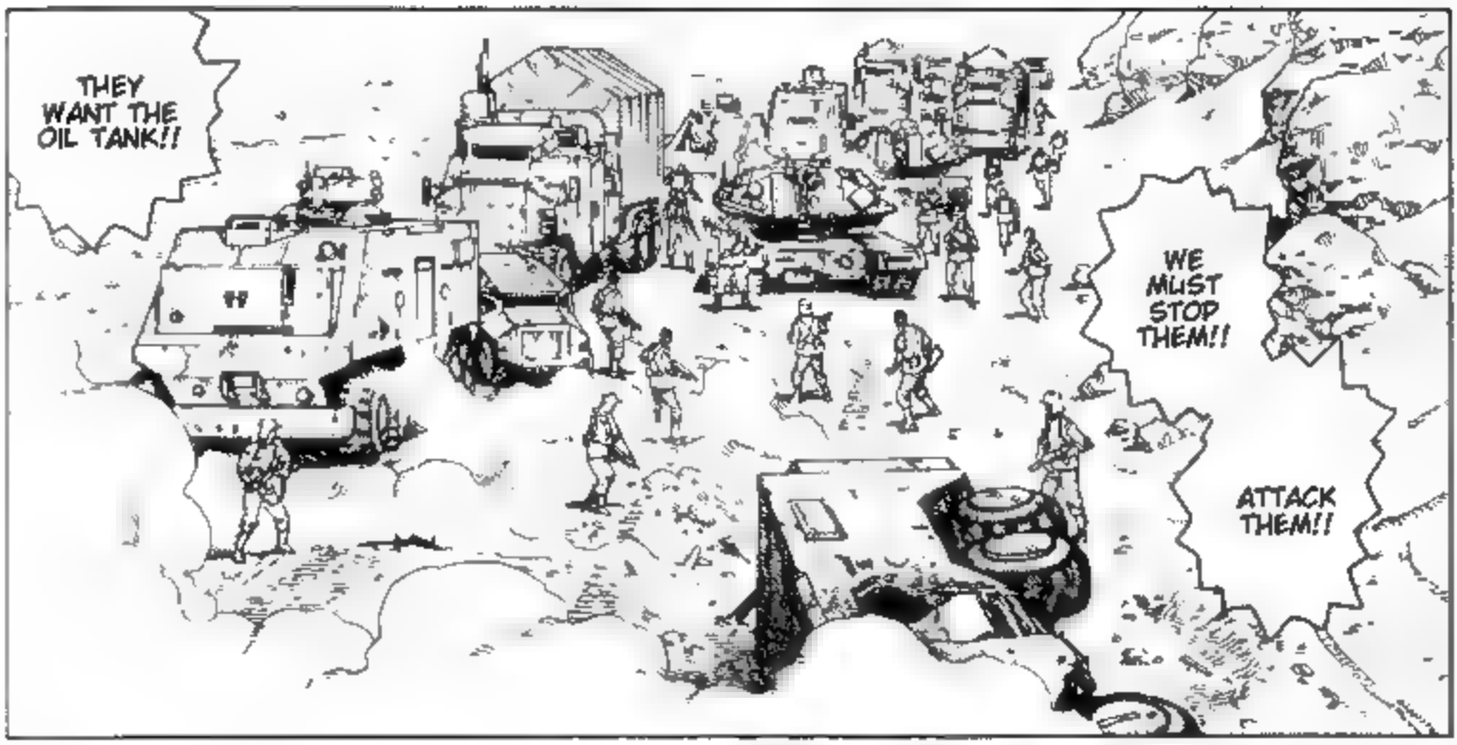
GYA AAH!
2-FS
KCH KCH KCH
HO!
BRRRT
VMMM
VRMBB
BRRRT

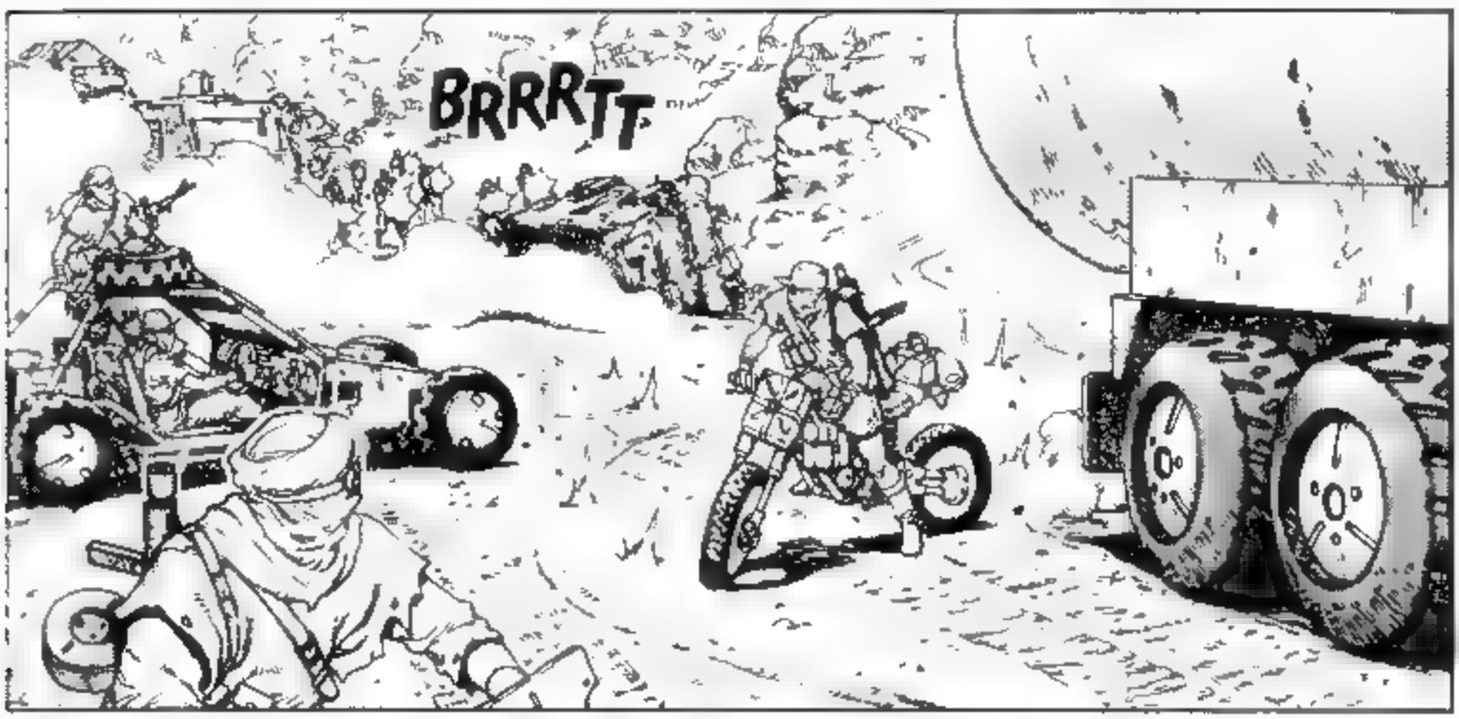
KCHACK
WHOMM
BKOOMM
BKAM BKAM
VRMMBB
SHIT!
THE ENGINE IS...
VMMM


GHK
WHSSH
BKOOMM
VRMMB
VRMMB
BRRRRT

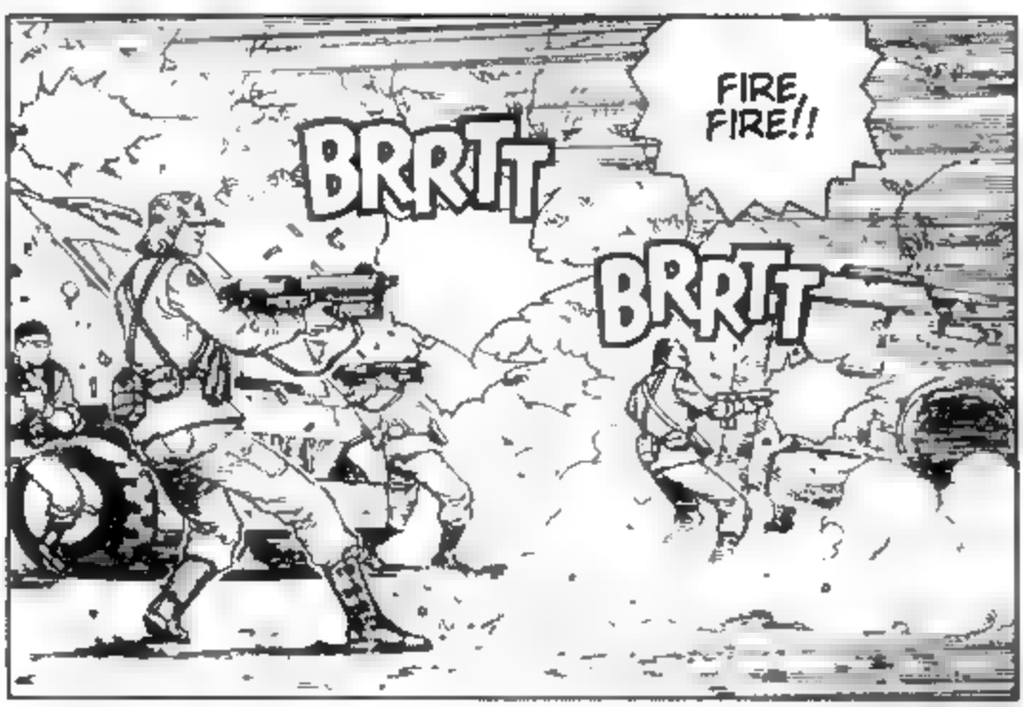
WAH!
KSHK
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!
VRMBB-
GWA AAH!
BRRRT
BRRT


WRAK
BRRT
BRRT
THUD


THEY WANT THE OIL TANK!!
WE MUST STOP THEM!!
ATTACK THEM!!

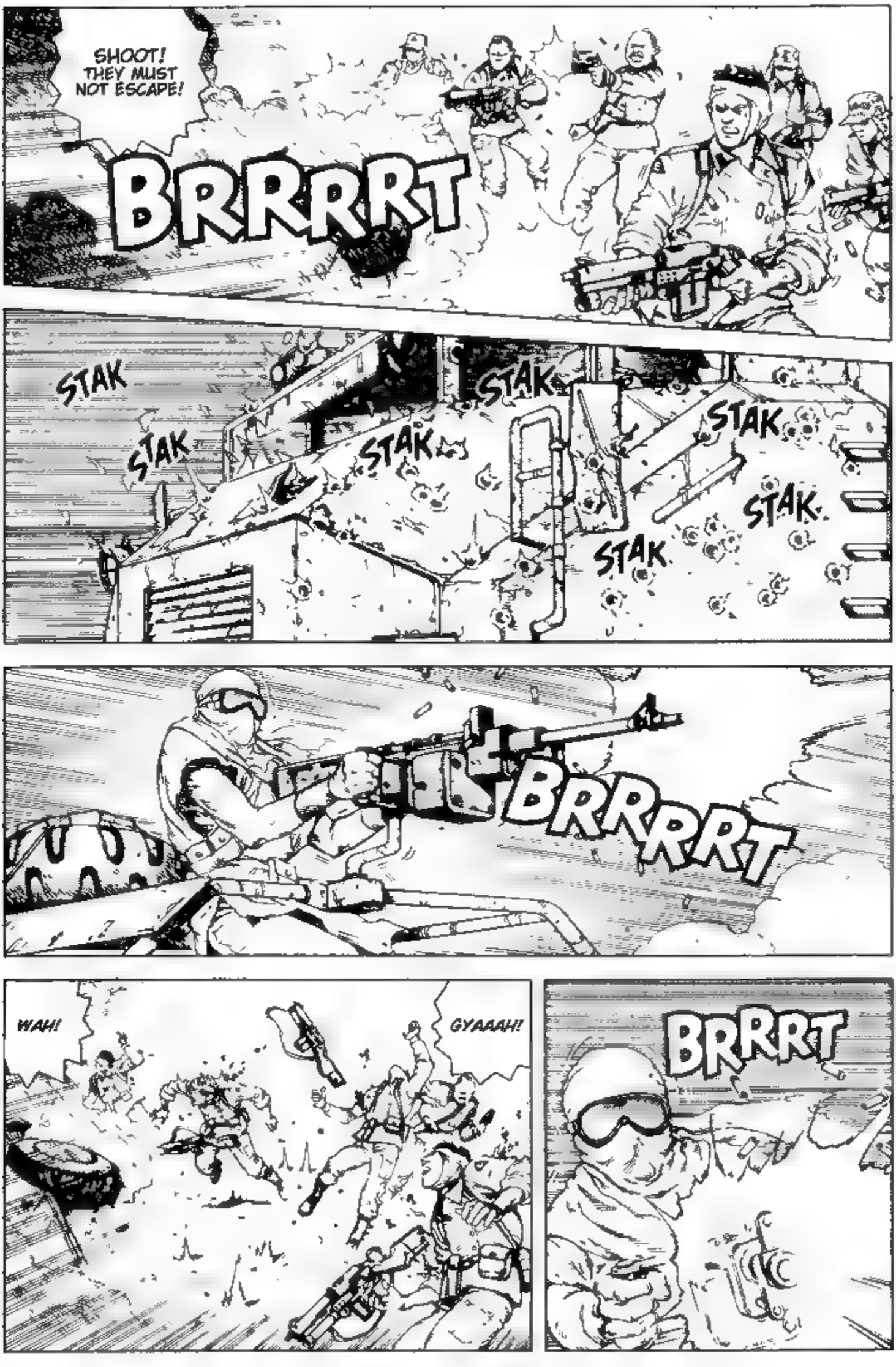

BRRRTT

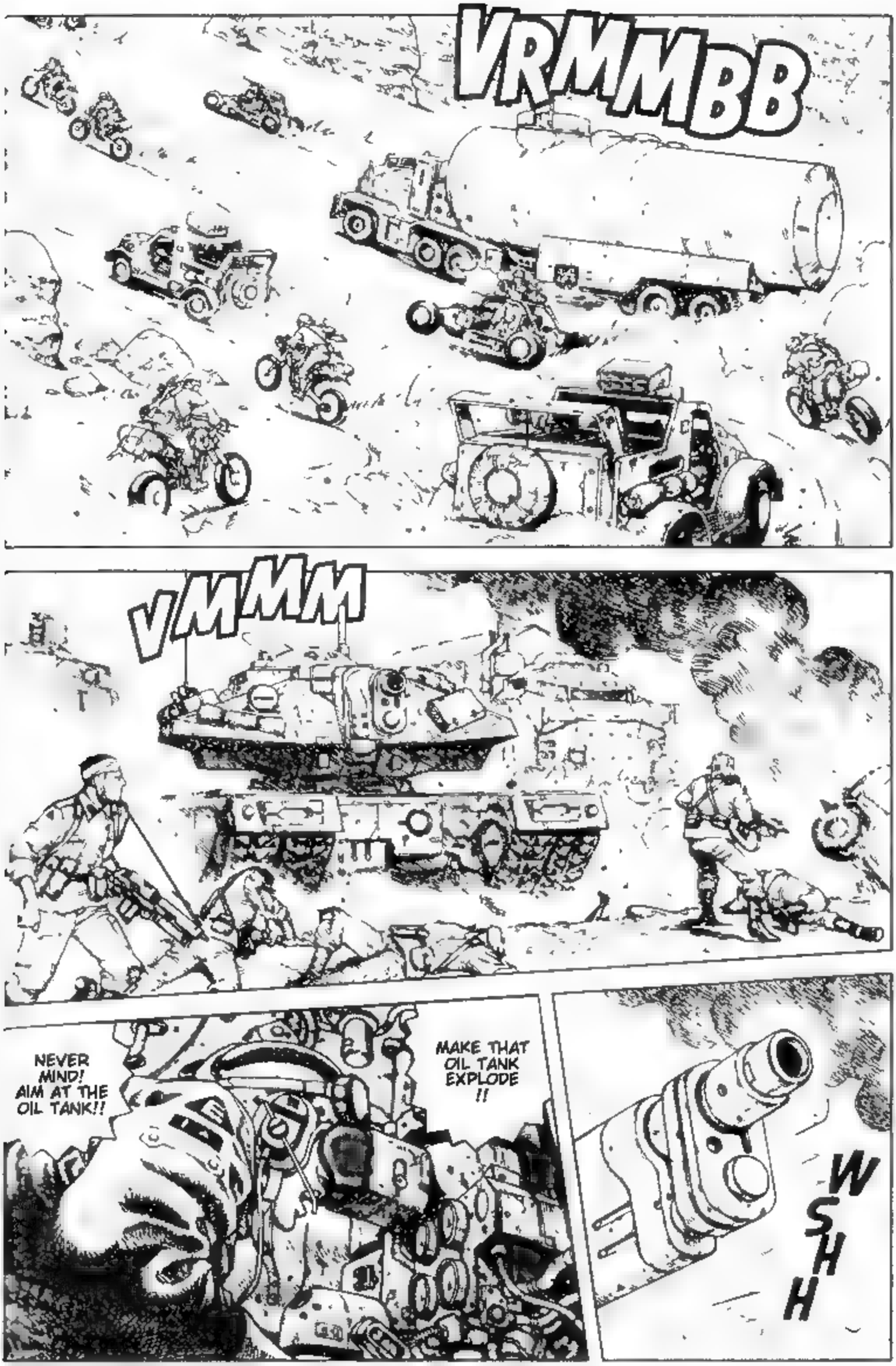
HURRY UP!!
THEY'RE FIGHTING BACK!


FIRE, FIRE!!
BRRTT
BRRTT

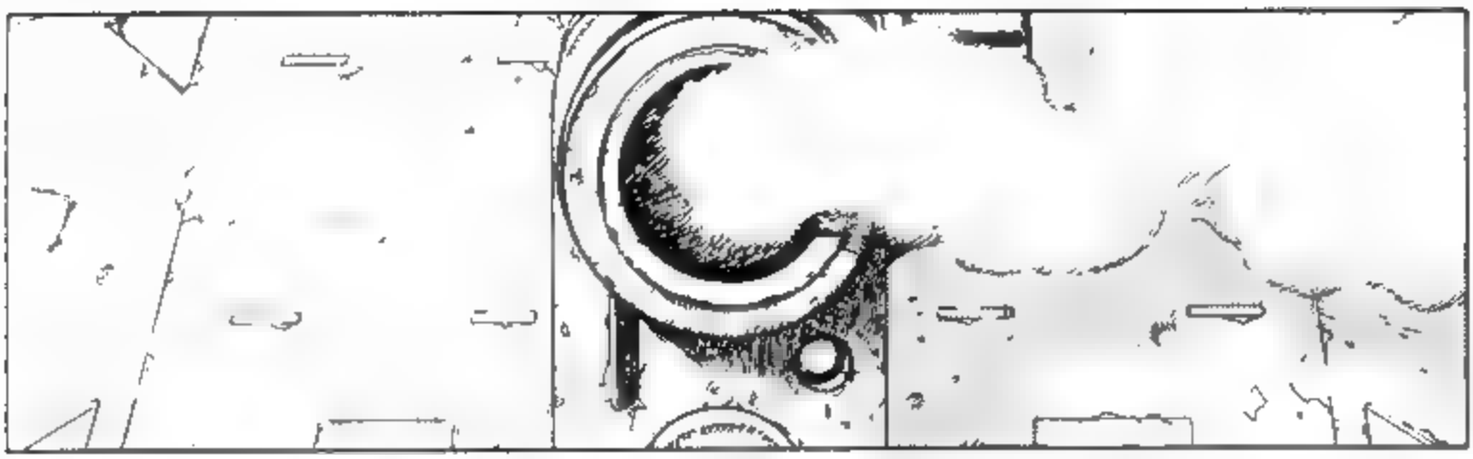
SKREE
MOVE!!
WHOM
WHOOOOM
BKOOM
AAH!
WAAH!

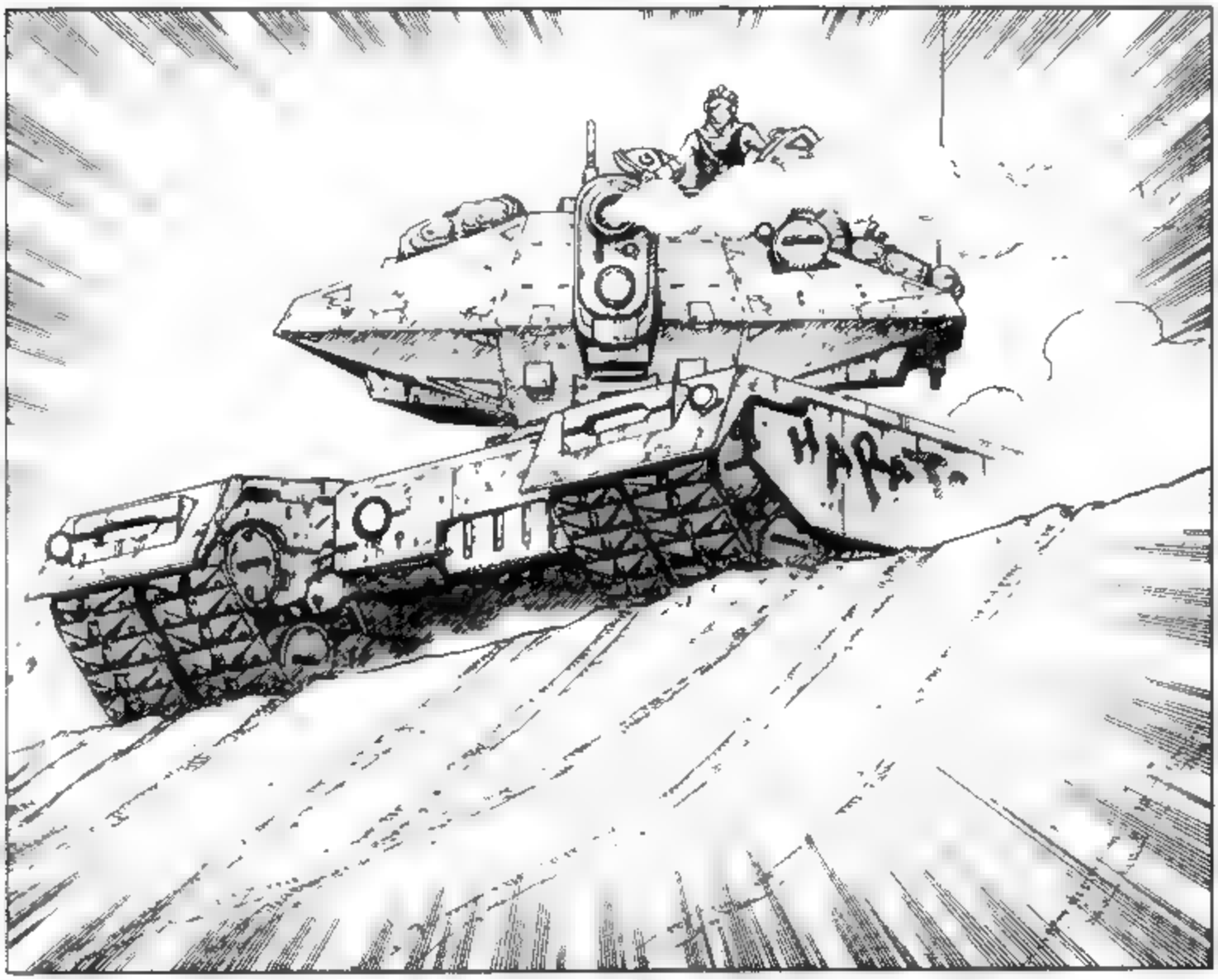
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
SO?!
VRM
VRMM
IT'S GOOD!
VRMM VRMM
SKREE
VRMMMB
OKAY ALREADY !!
VRMMMBBB

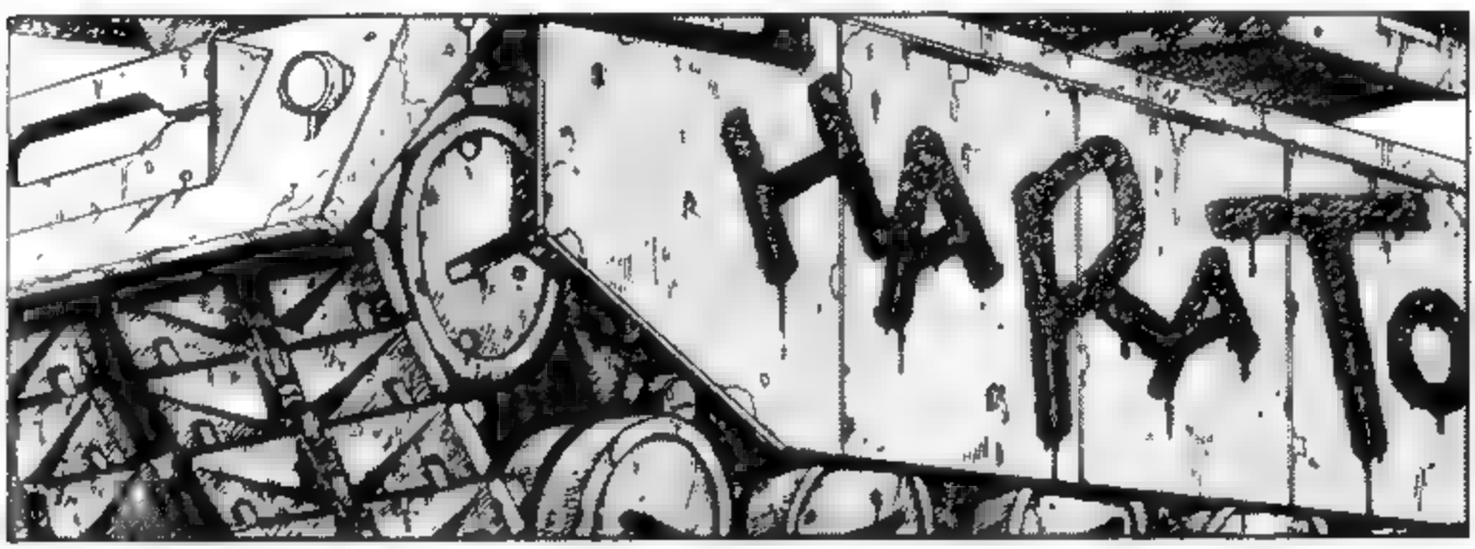

SHOOT! THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE!
BRRRRT
STAK
STAK
STAK
STAK
STAK
STAK
STAK
BRRRRT
WAH!
GYAAAH!
BRRRT


VRMMBB
VMMM
NEVER MIND! AIM AT THE OIL TANK!!
MAKE THAT OIL TANK EXPLODE !!
WSHH

VMMMMM
FIRE!!
BKO
OM
OH!




HARAT.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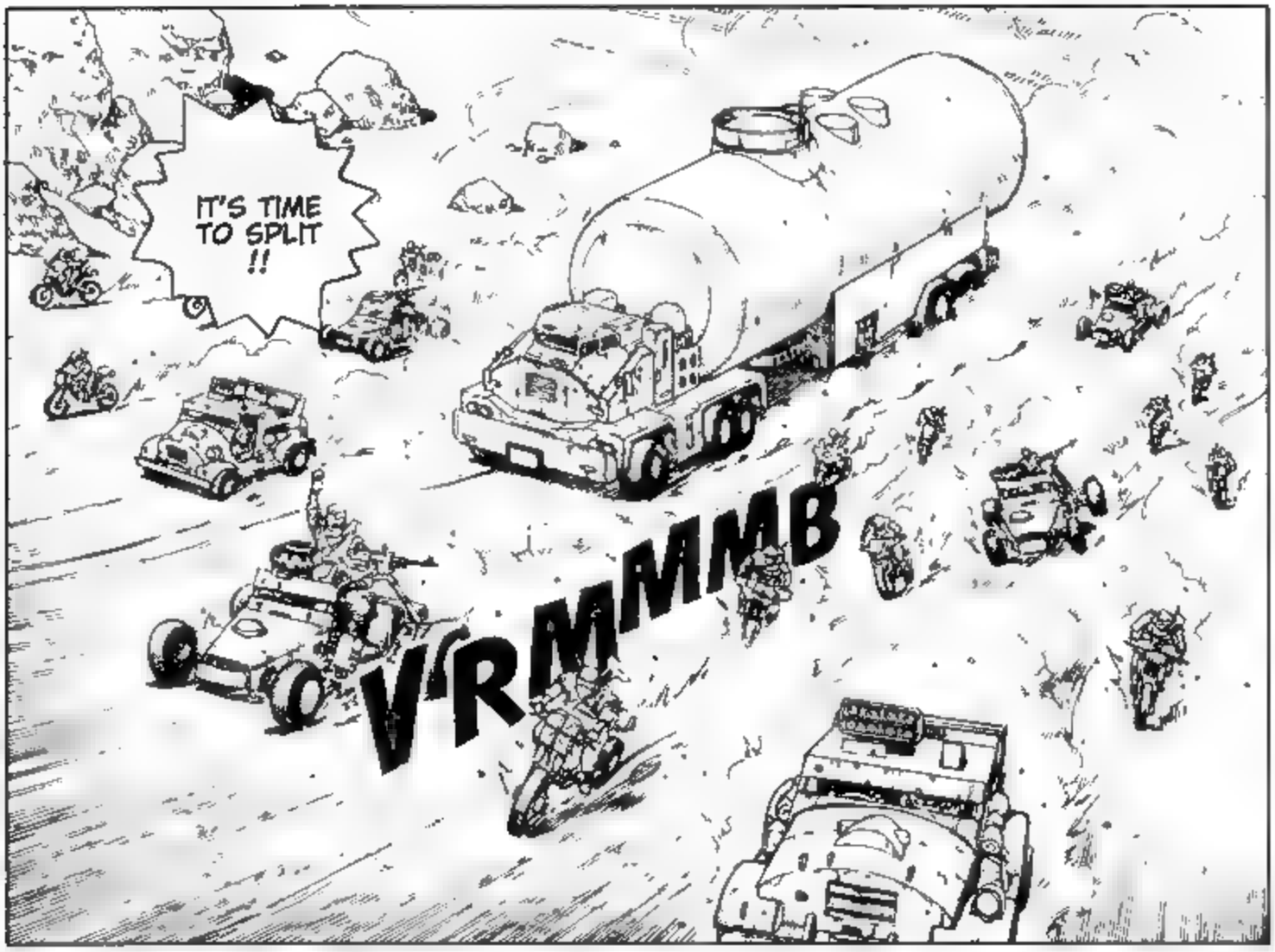
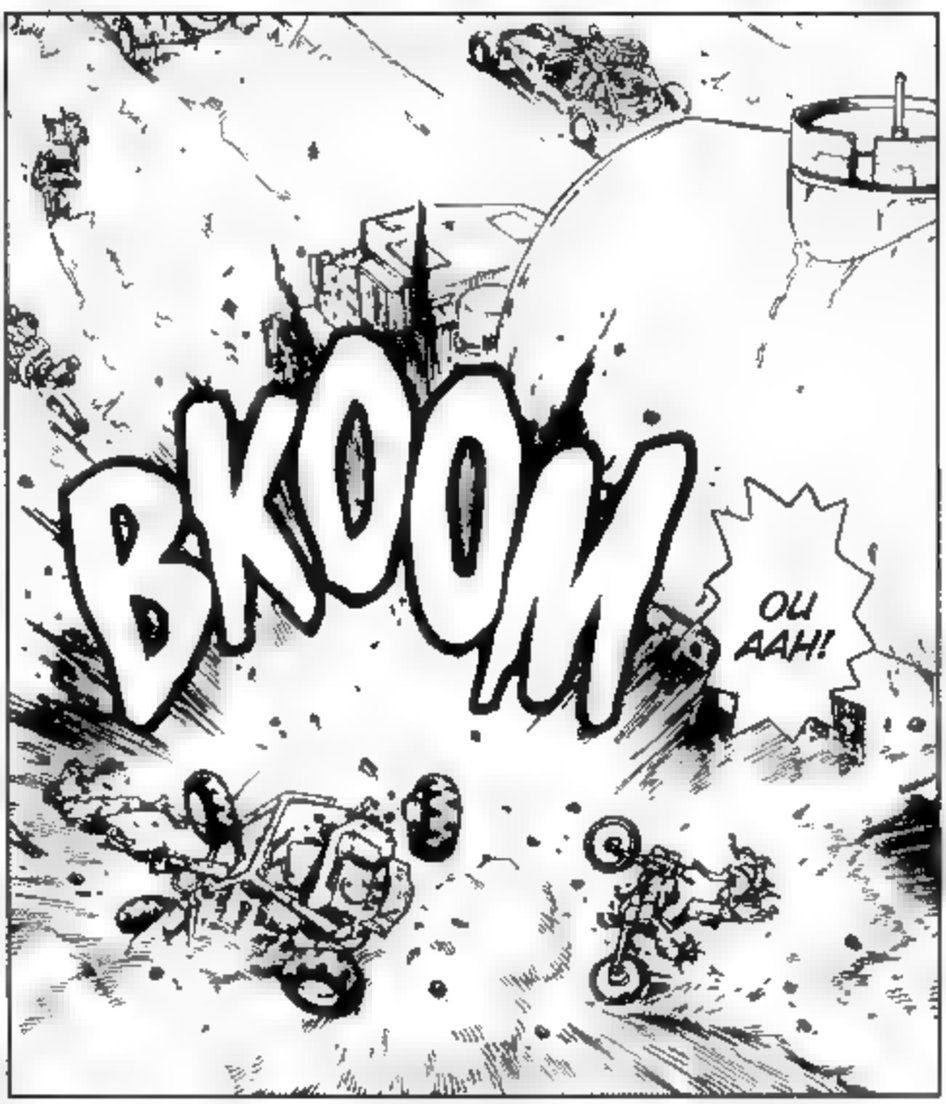
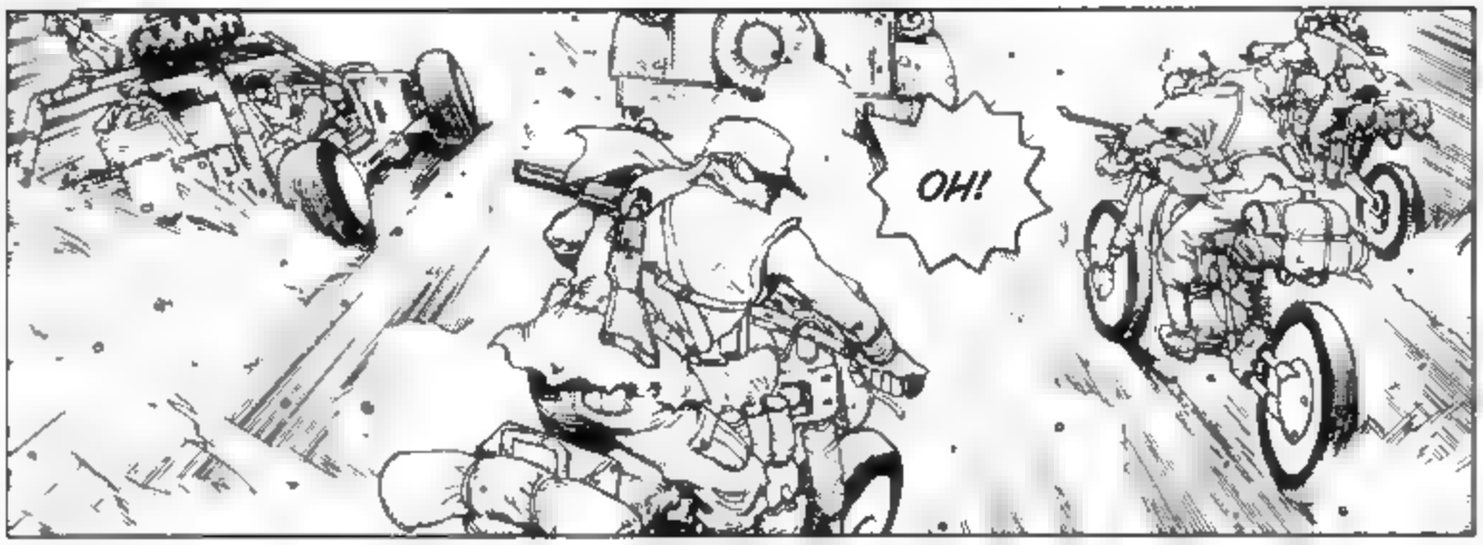
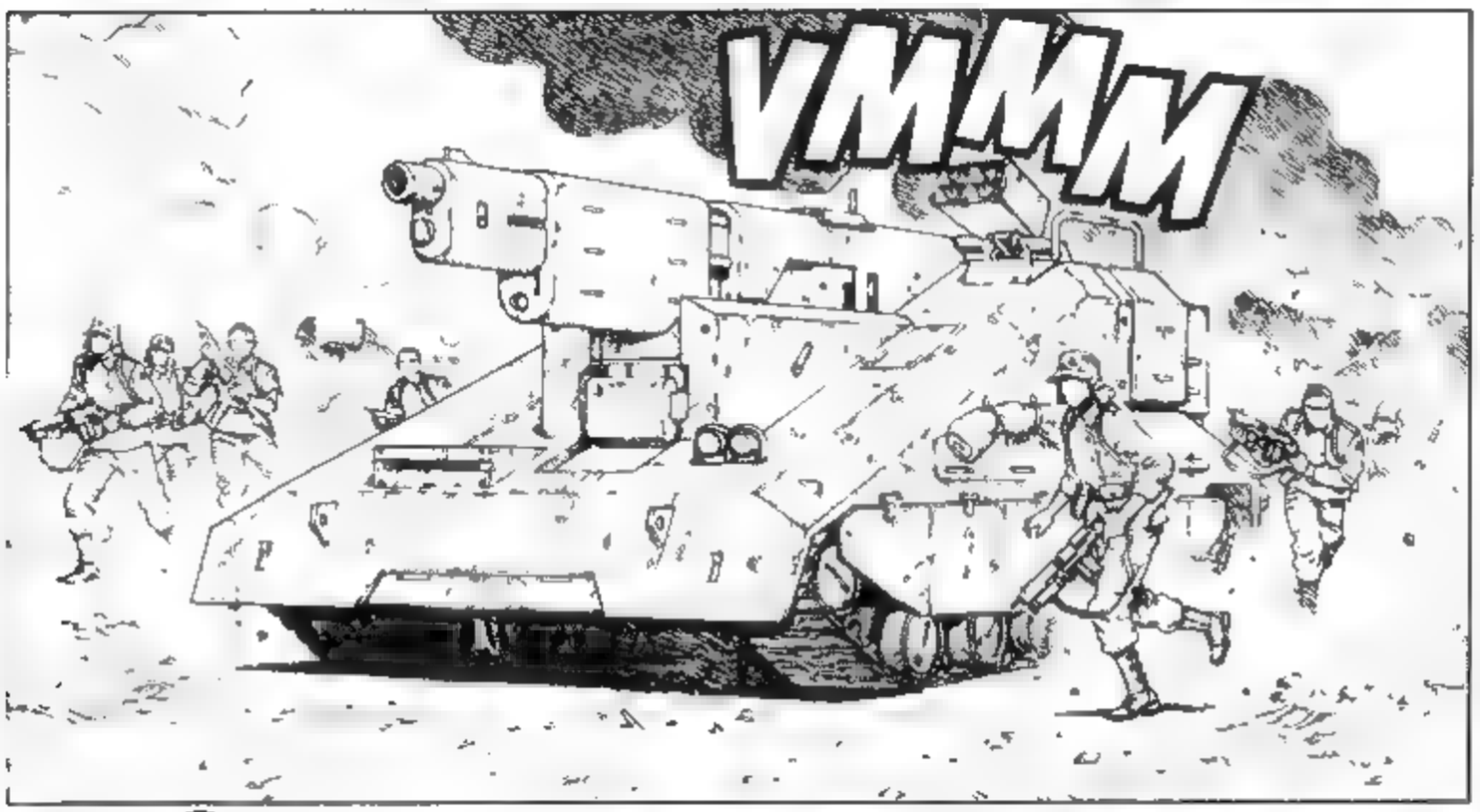

IT'S TIME TO SPLIT !!
VRMMMB

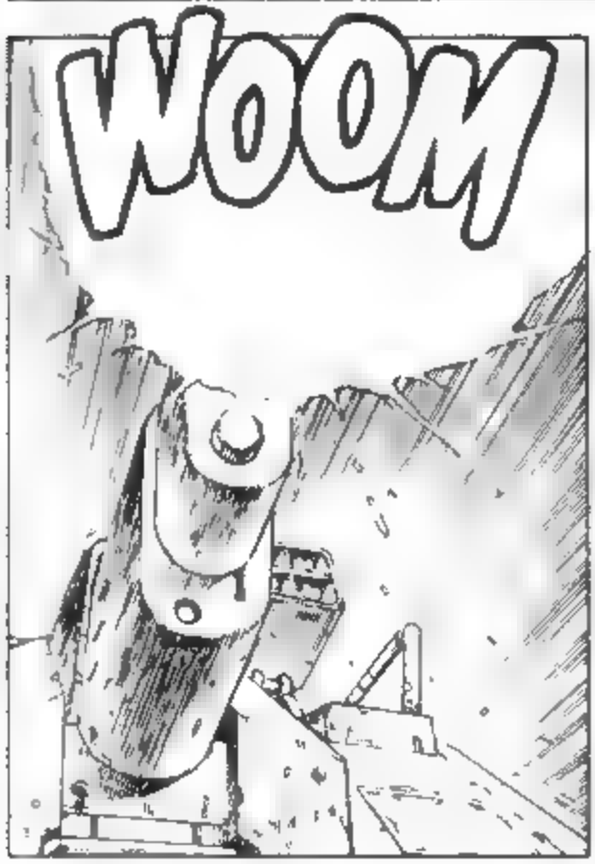
SKREK

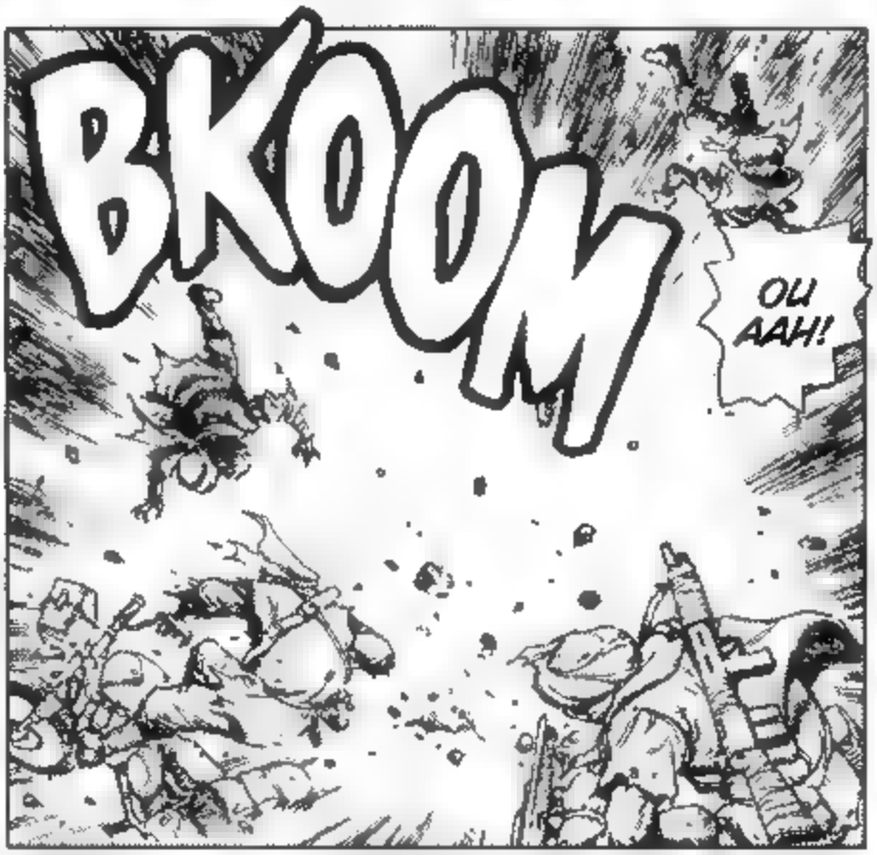
SHIT!
SKREK


BKOOM
OU AAH!

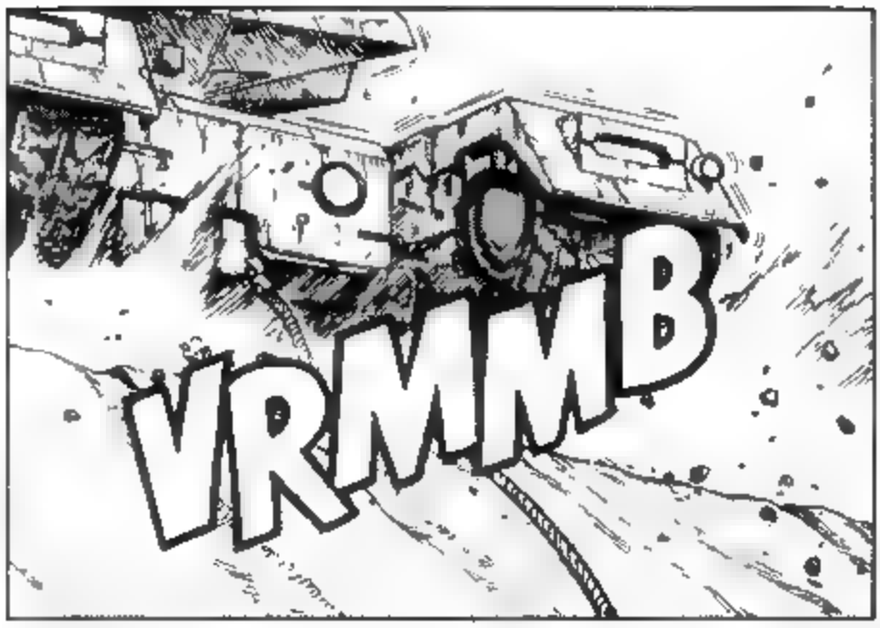

OH!

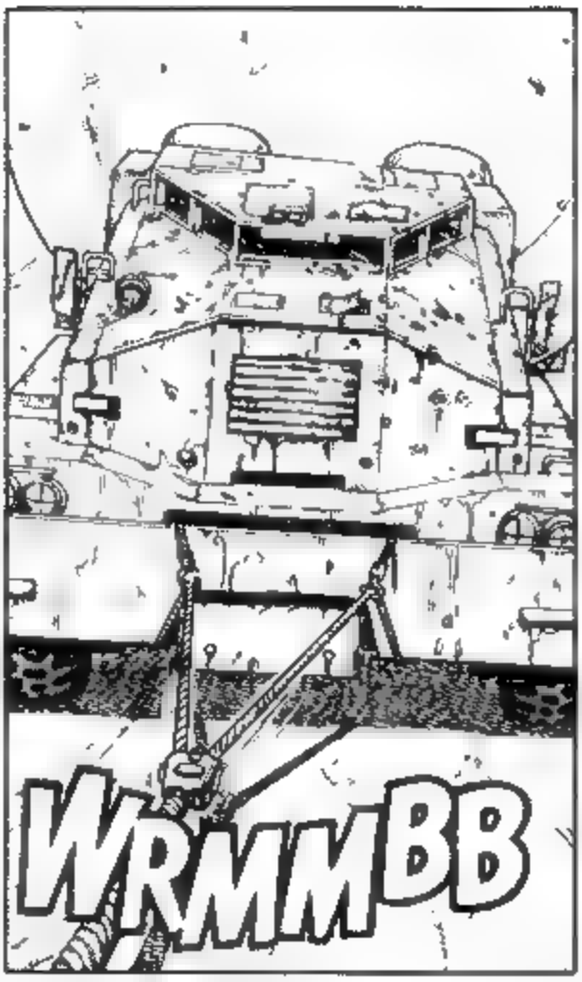

VMMM


WOOM


BKOOM
OU AAH!

WHSHH
WHSHH
KCHACK
CHUNKK
CHKK
OK!!


VRMMB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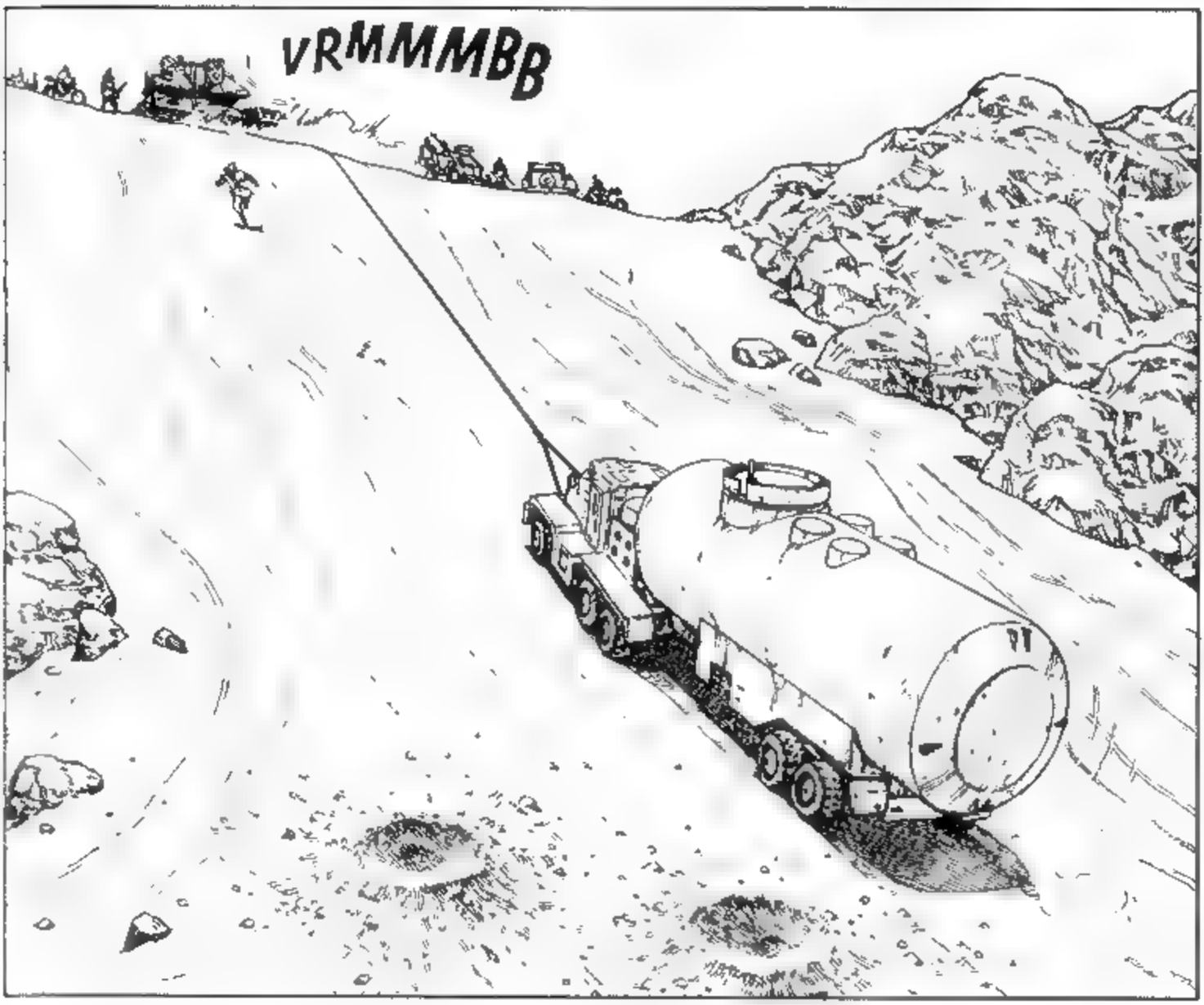
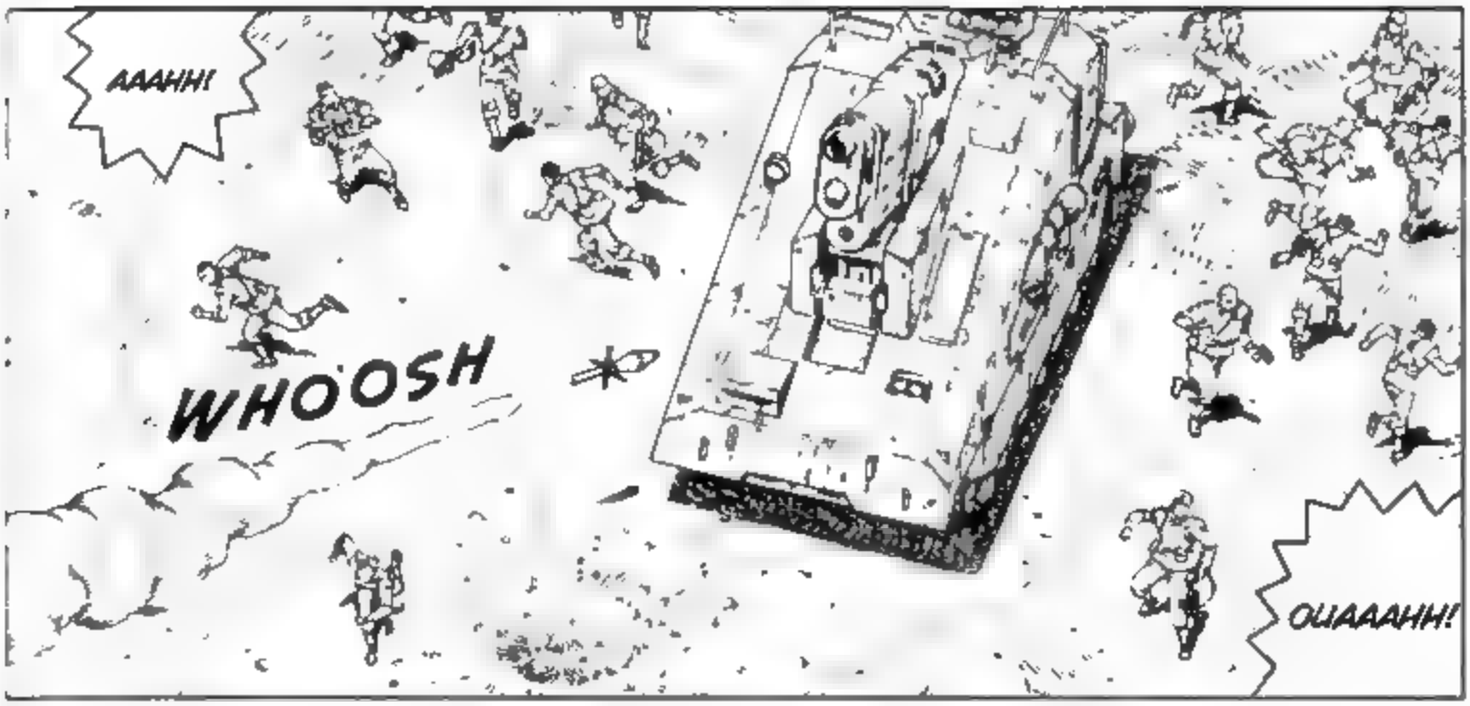
SHIKING


VRMMMBB

VRBBB
VRMMB
HSHH
THE HILL !!
AIM AT THE TOP THE HILL !!
KCHACK
FIRE!!
WOOM


AAAHH!
WHOOSH
OUAAAHH!

BKOOM

VRMMBB
KEUFF KEUFF
SHIT!!
OKAY, LET'S GO!!
VRMMBB
YAA HOOO !!

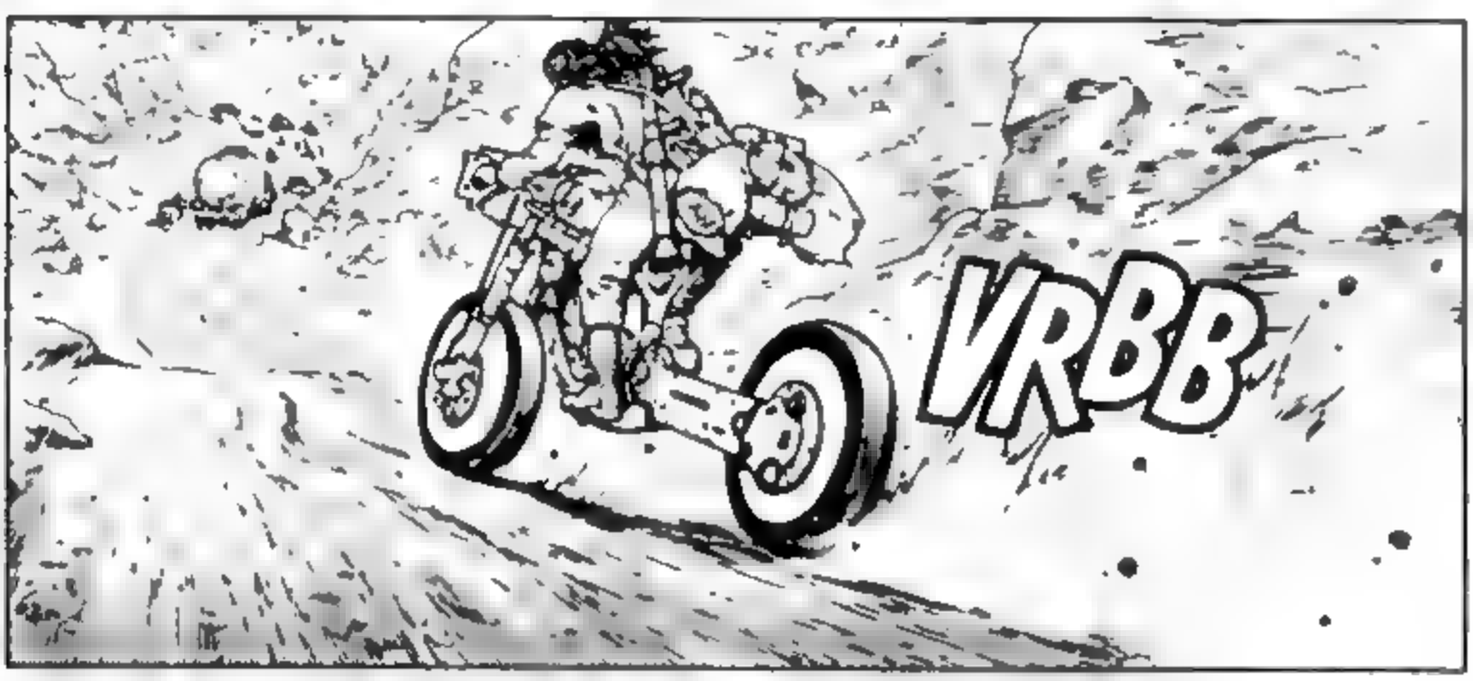
WHDD
VRMBB
VRBB
VMM
VMM
VRMM
VMM
VMM
VMM

ZISH

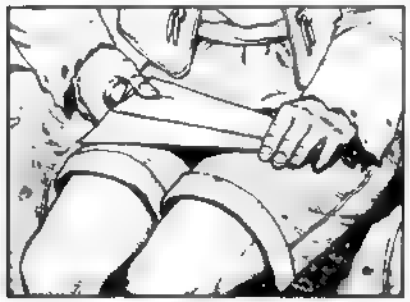
FIRE !!!
BRRT
BRRT
BRRT
SPAK SPAK
SKKREEK
WHOOM
VRMBB

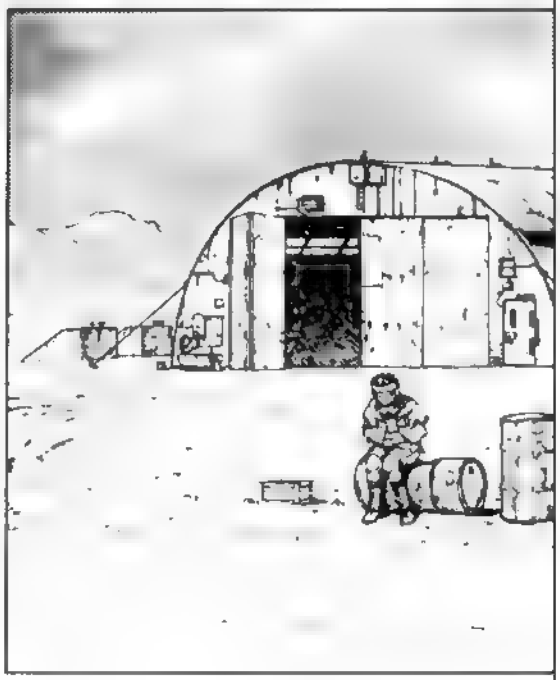
BKOOM

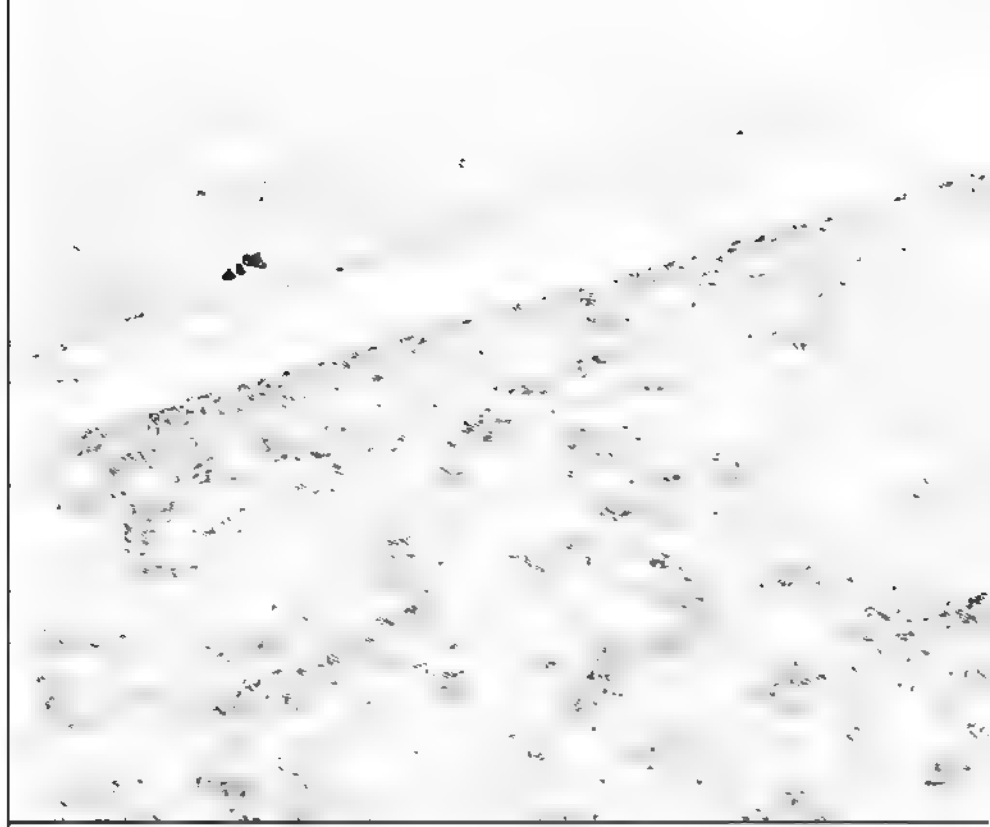
HA HA HA HA !!

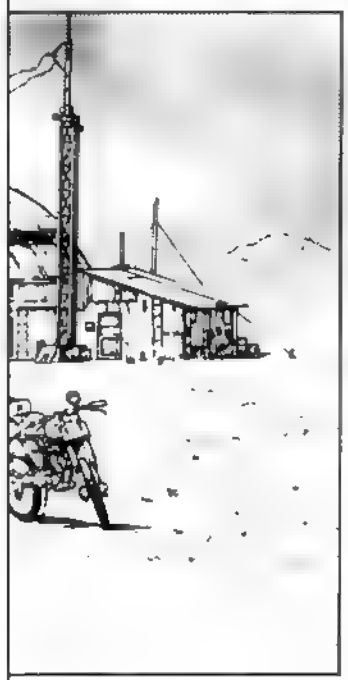

VRBB

VRRMBB
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!





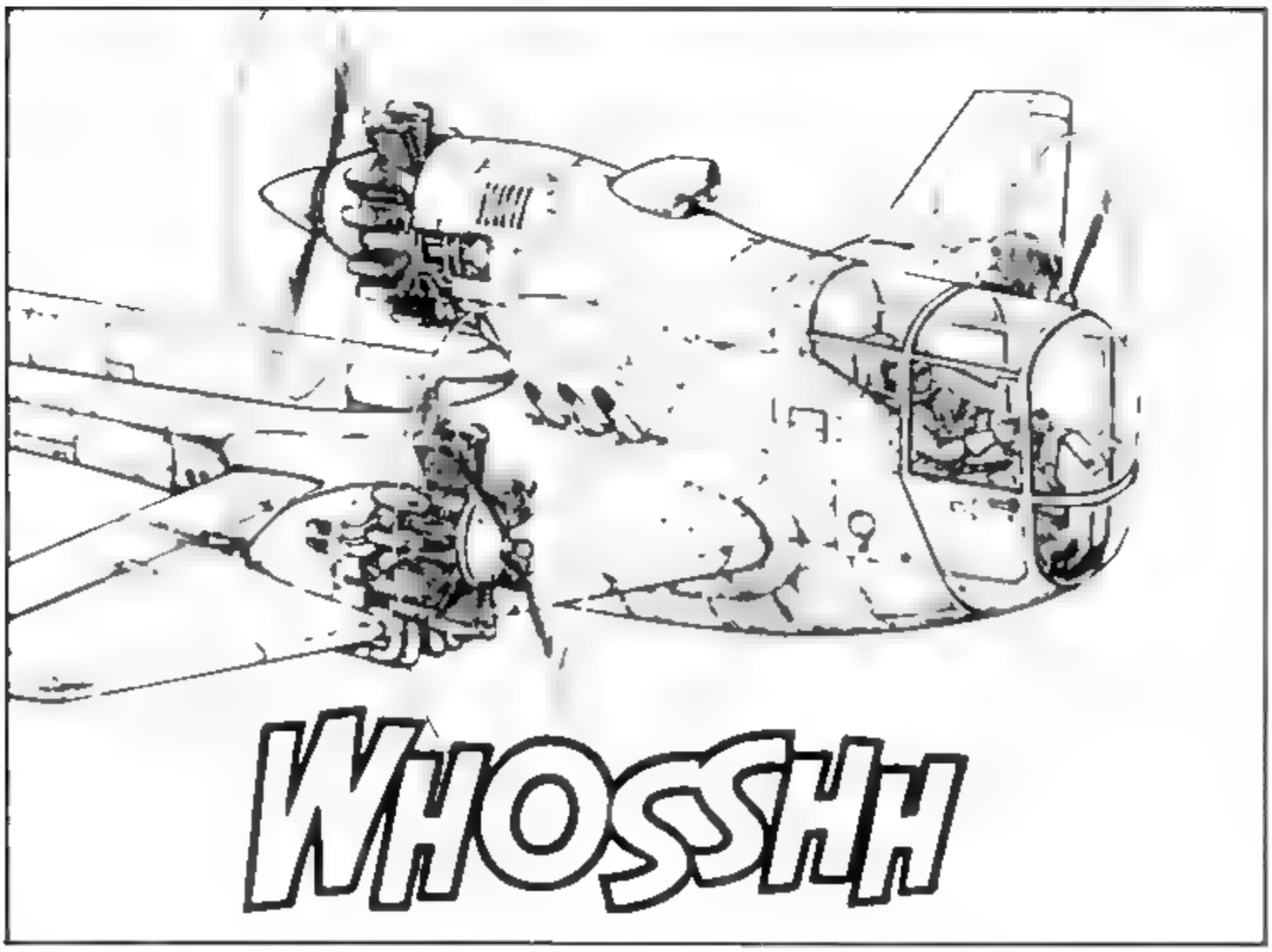


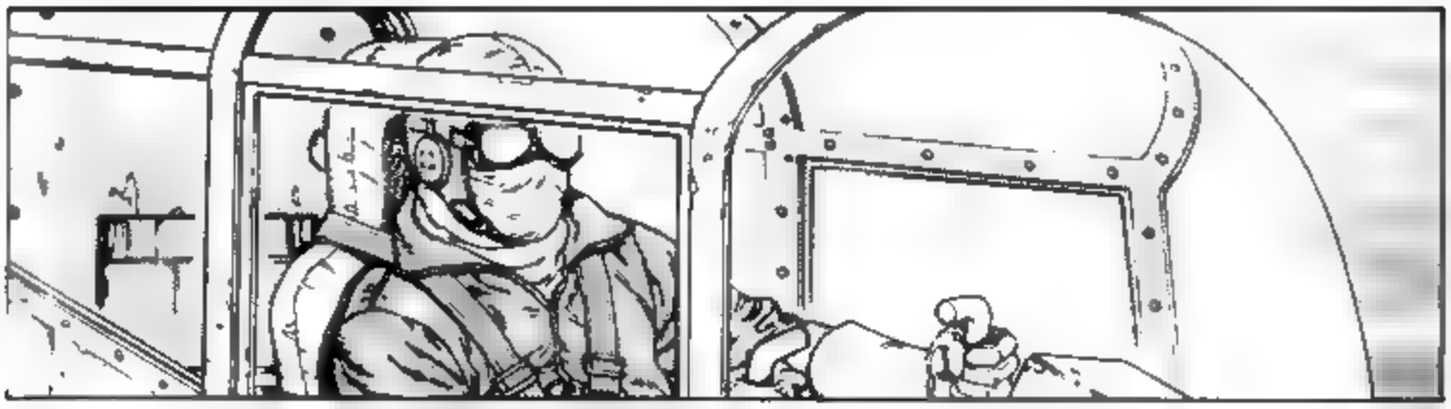


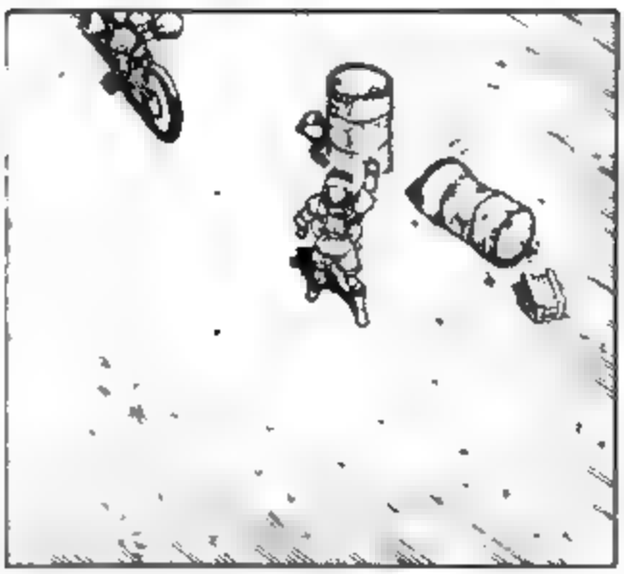
HSHH

HSSH

WHSSSHH

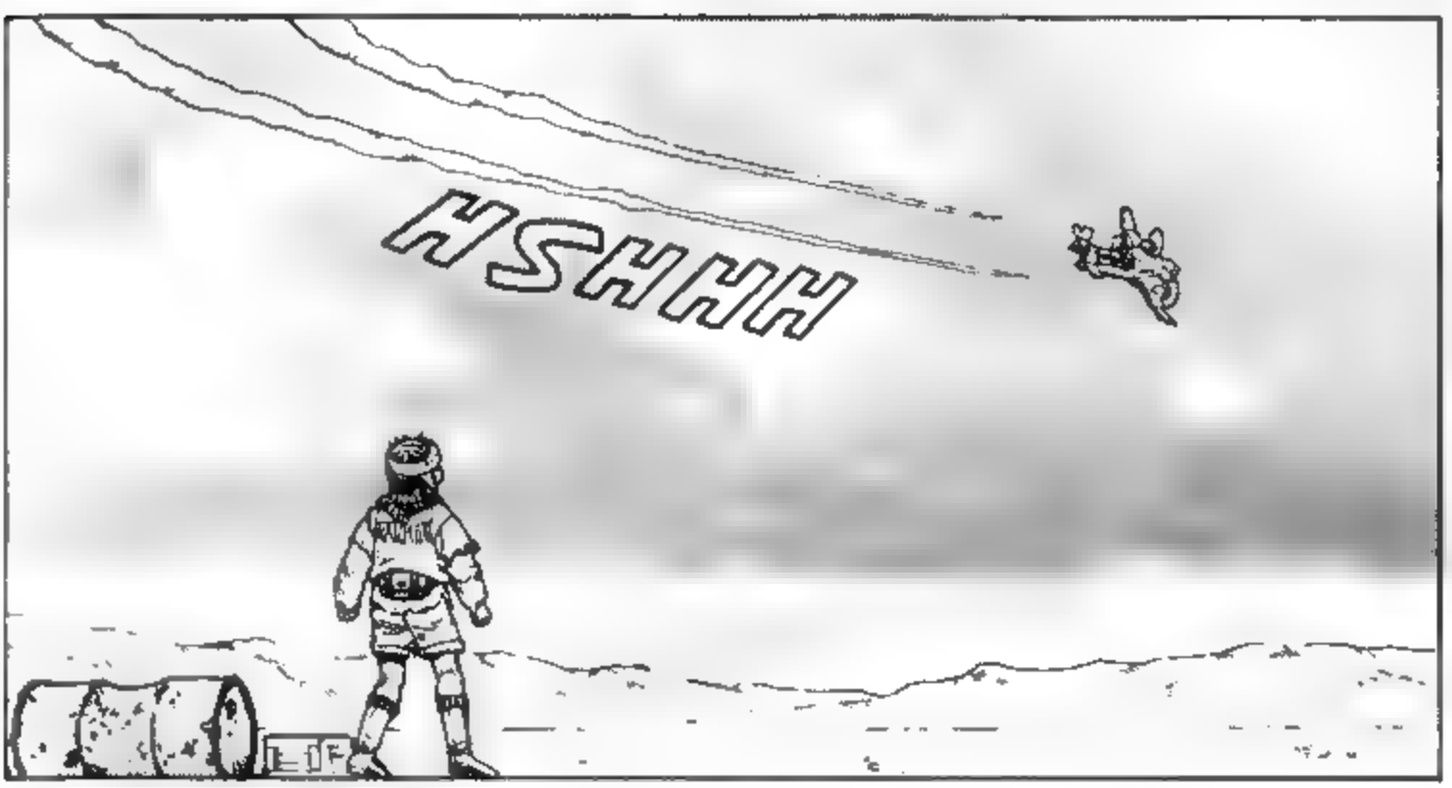


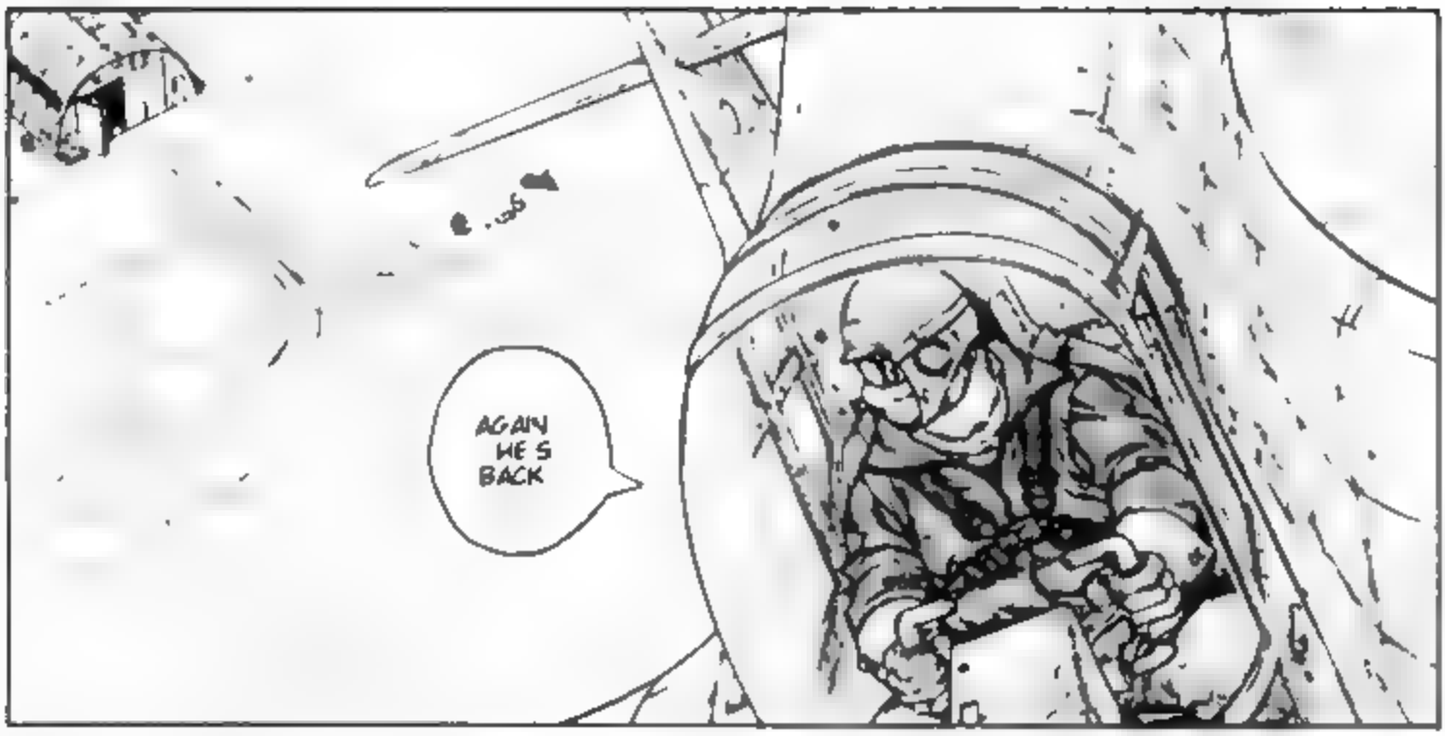




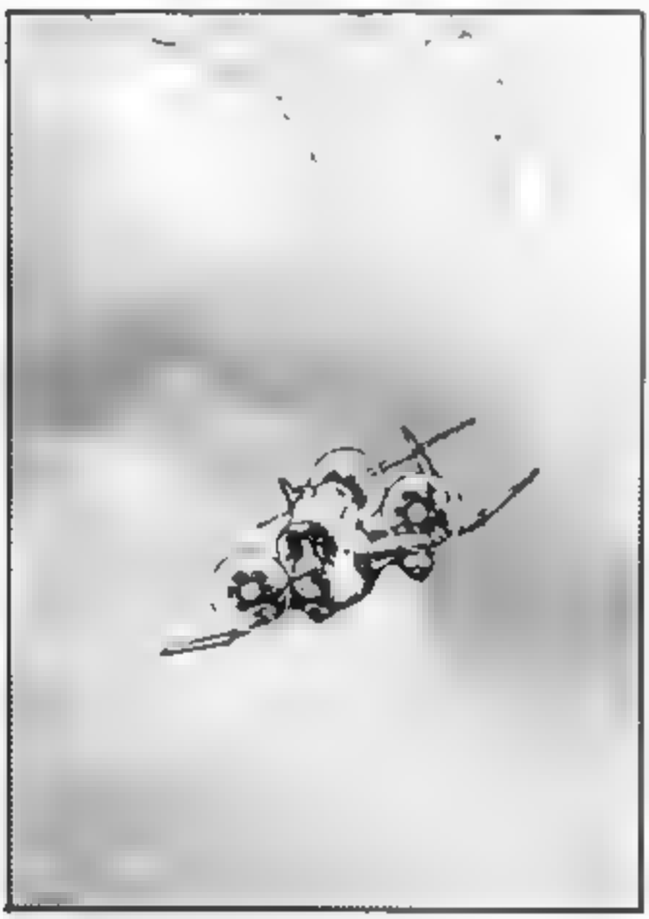
WOOSH

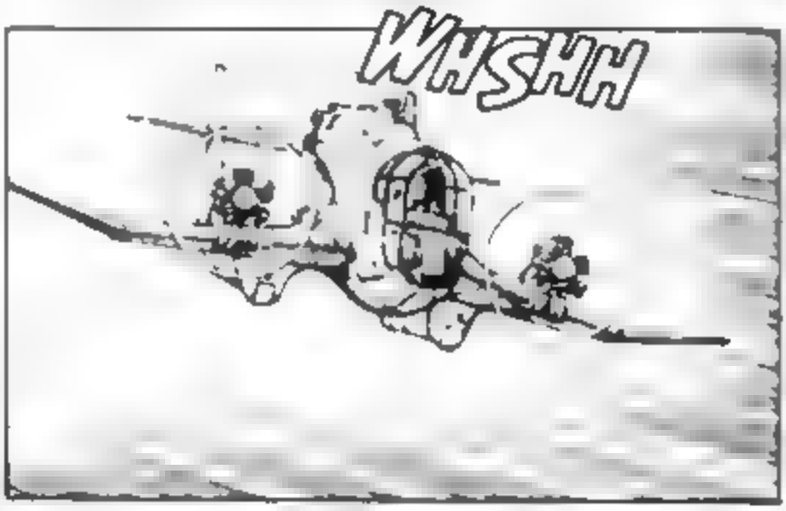
!


HSHHH

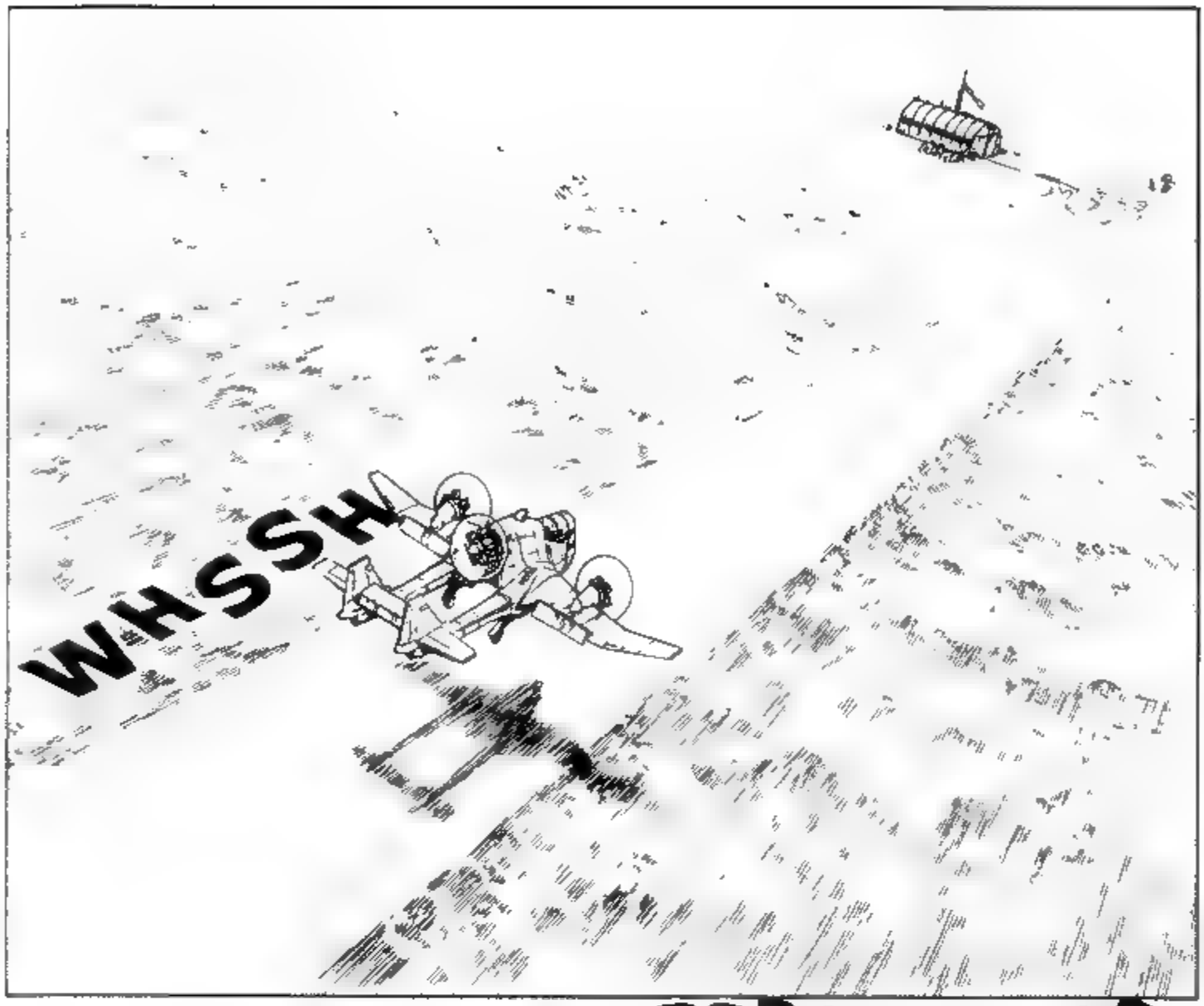

AGAIN WE'S BACK

WHSHH




WHSHH

KSHAAK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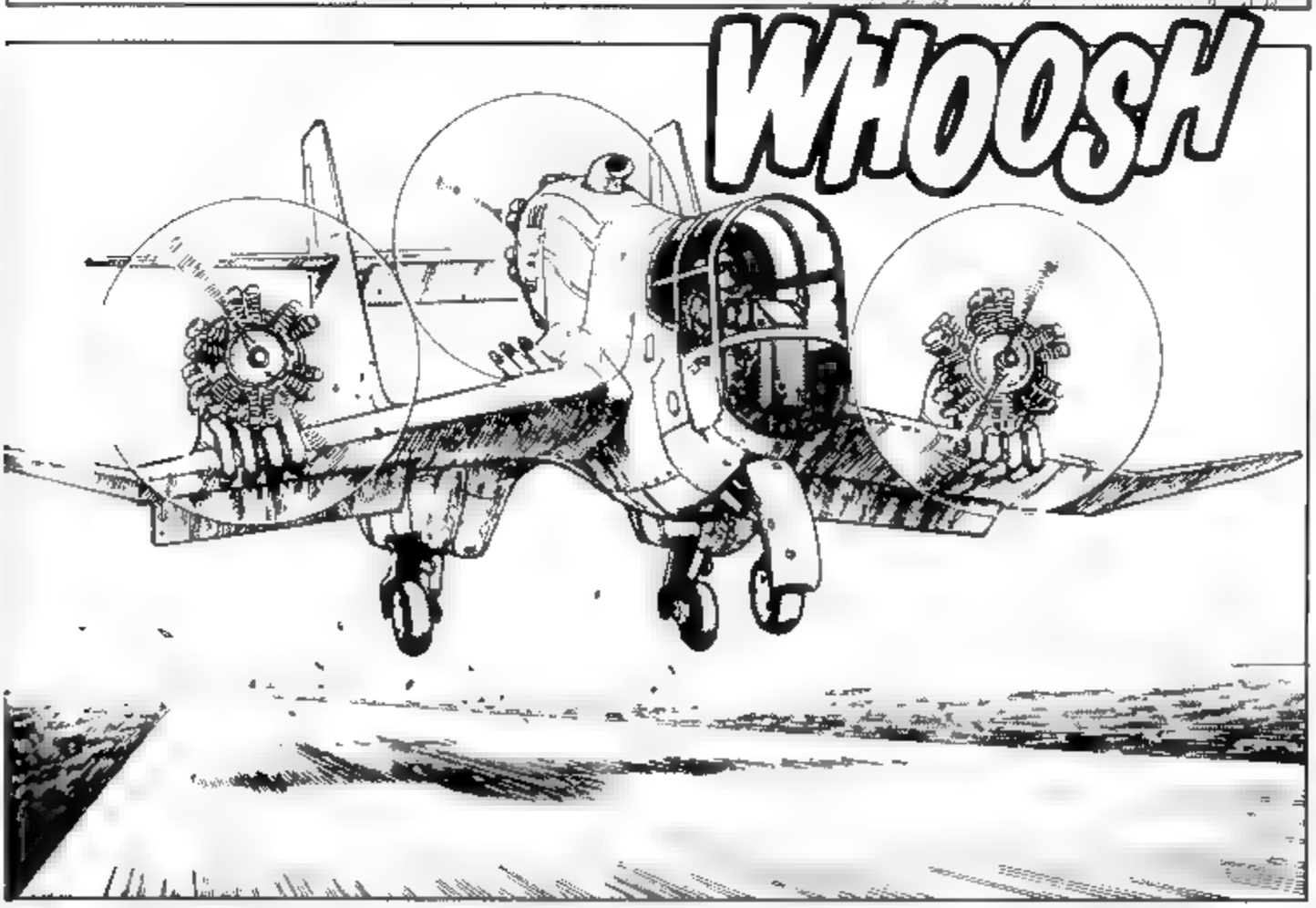
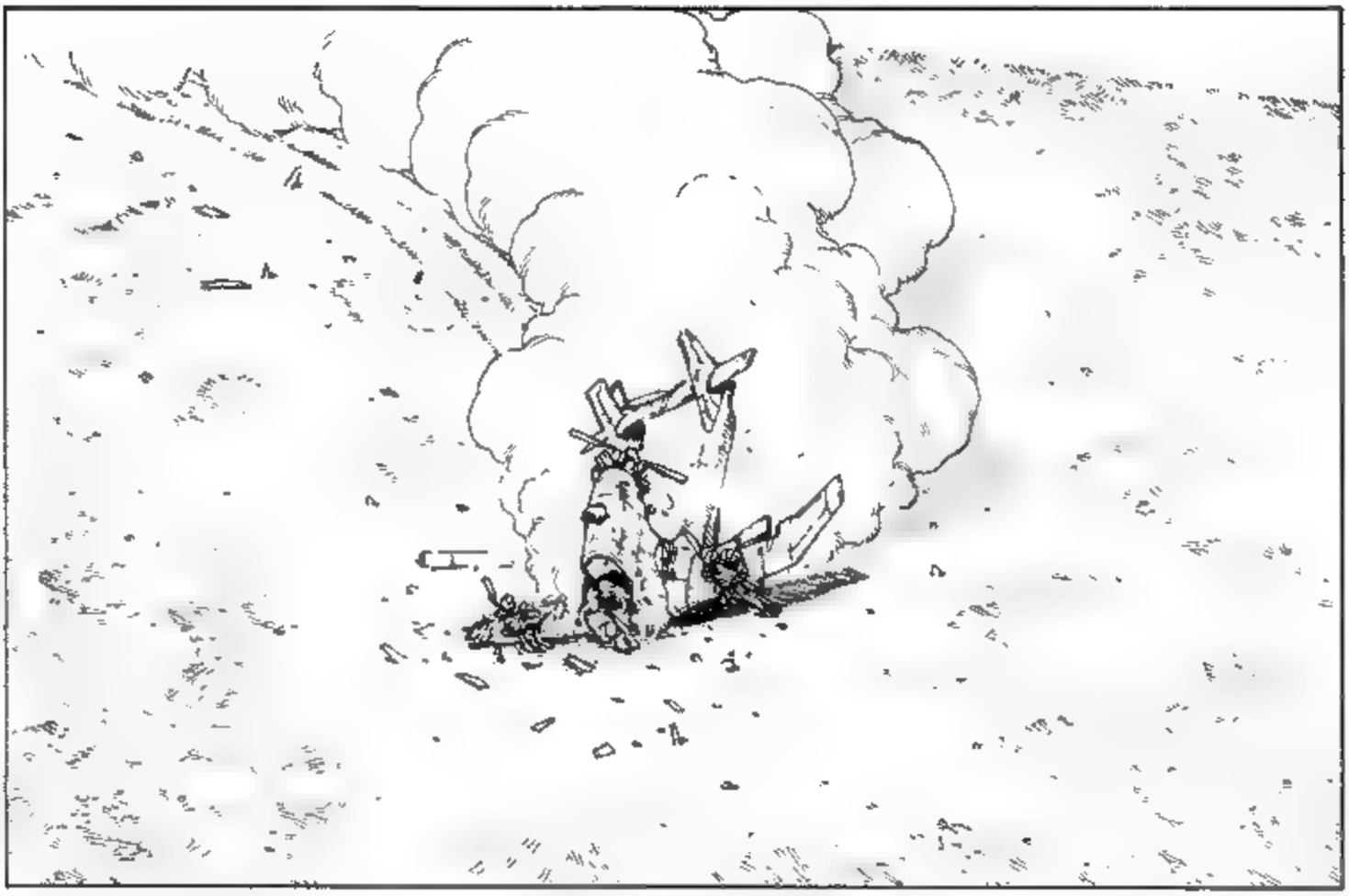

WHOOSH

SKREEE
SKREK
SKREEK
FUCK!
OH!
SKRAASH
KRAASSH

MAGGY!!
RAASSHH
SKREE
KHSHH
SHIT!!
RAASHH

KK...
SKRAK
OUAH!
KHSHH
KRAASH



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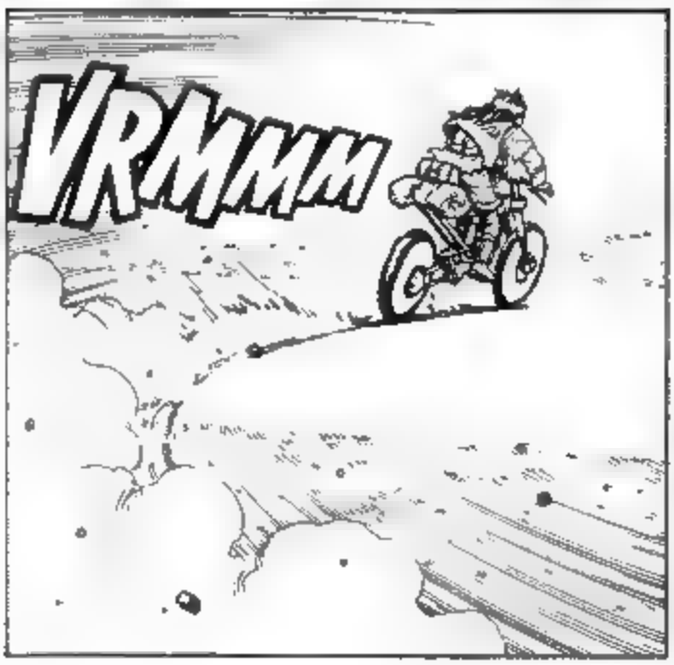
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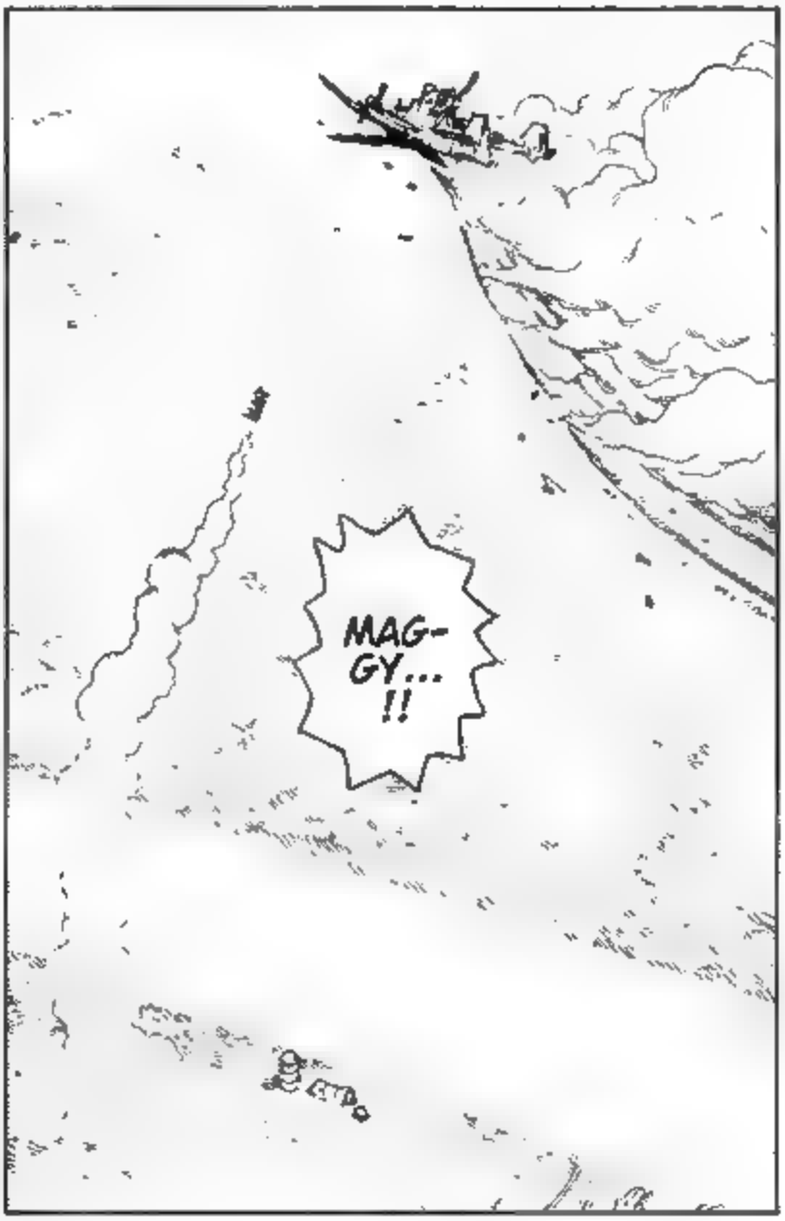
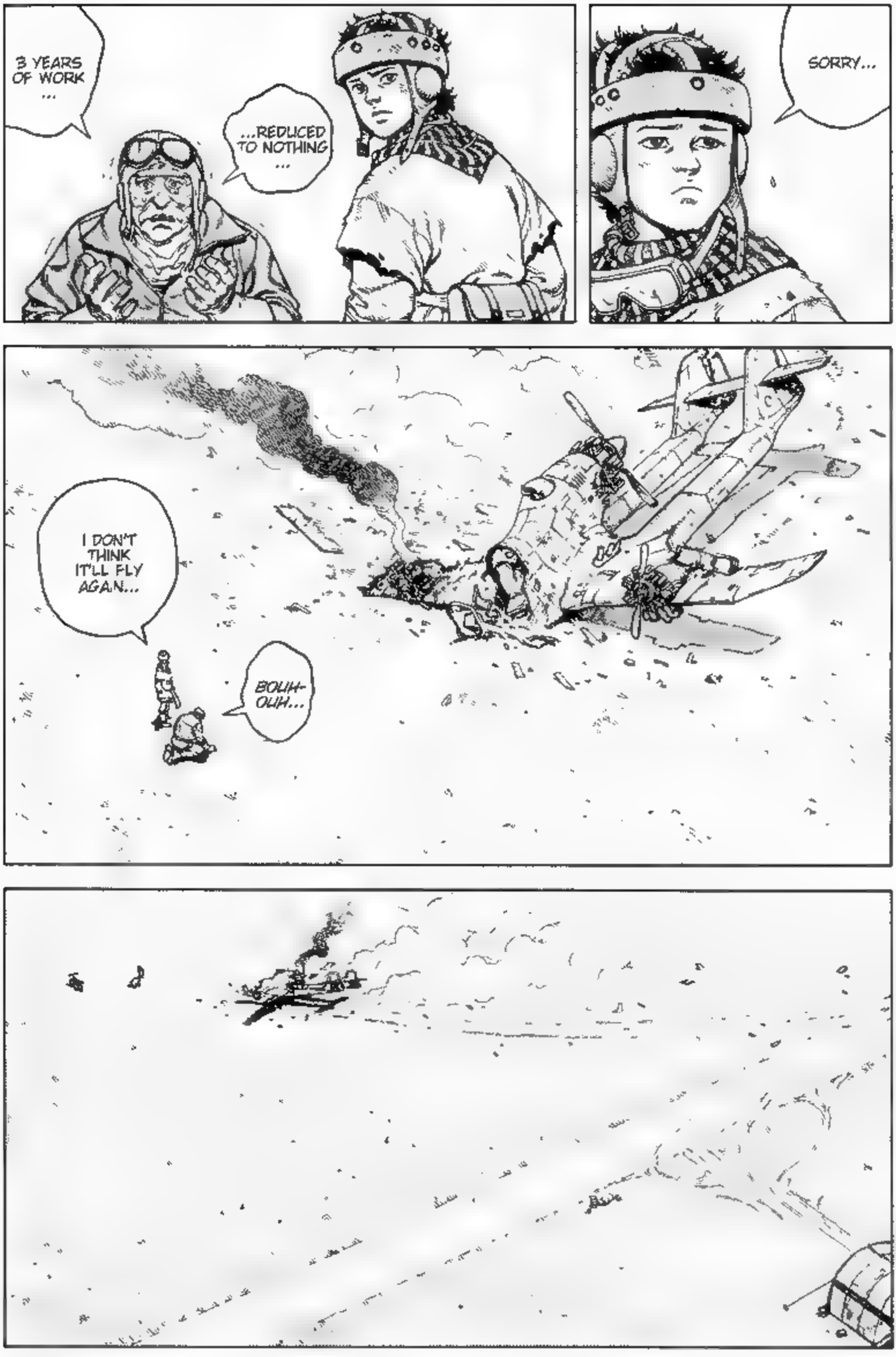
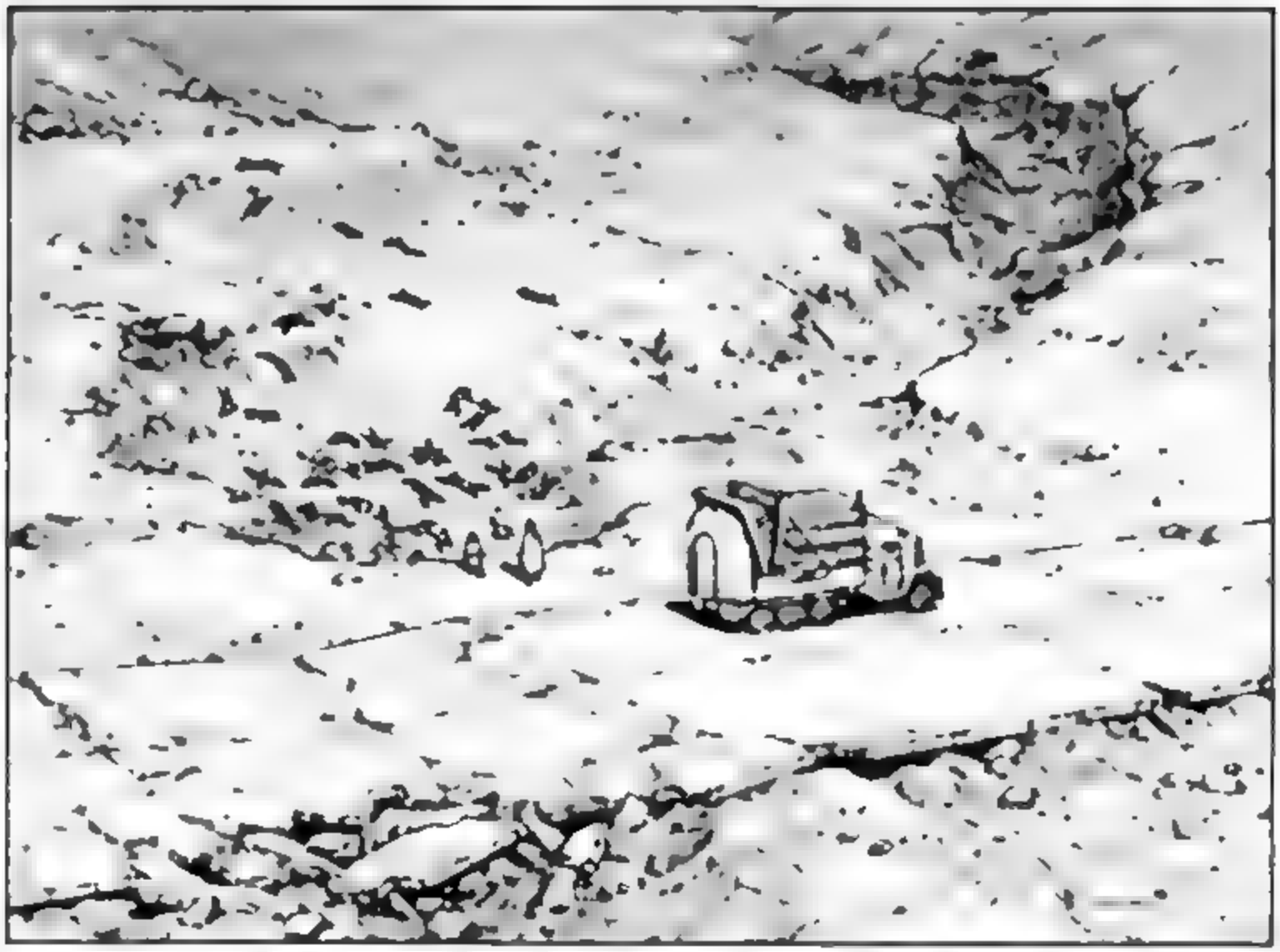

MAG-
GY...
!!

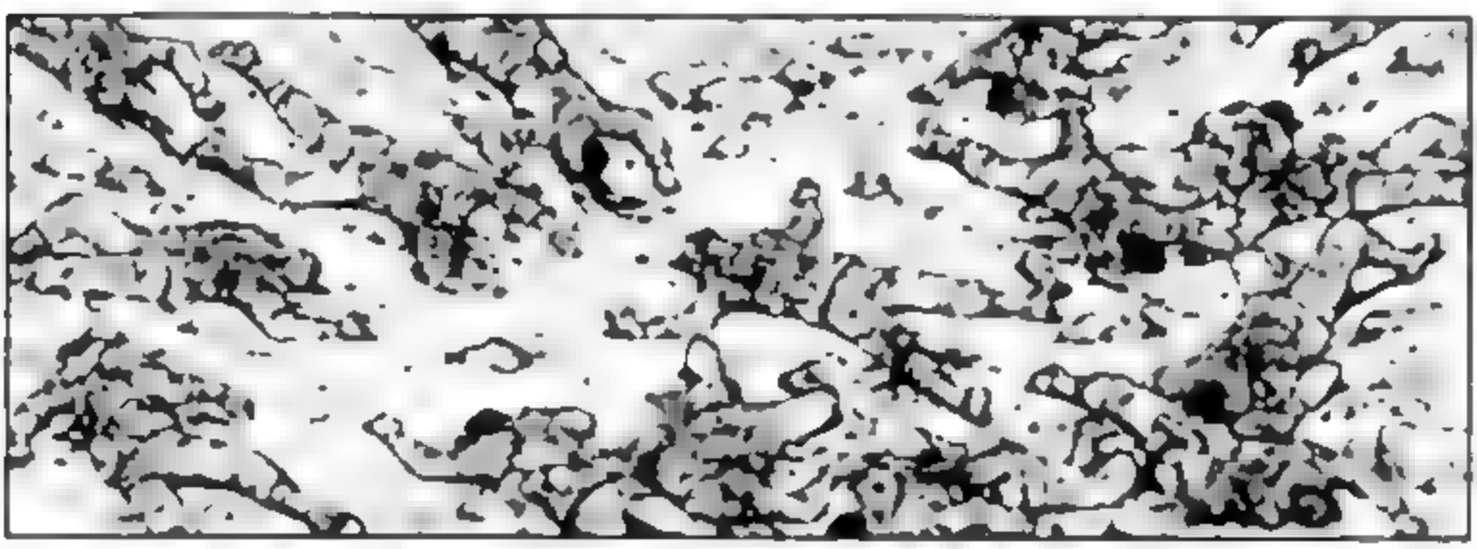
SHIT!!
IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE ...
OUGH
THUDD
BKOOM
OUAH!
SKREEE

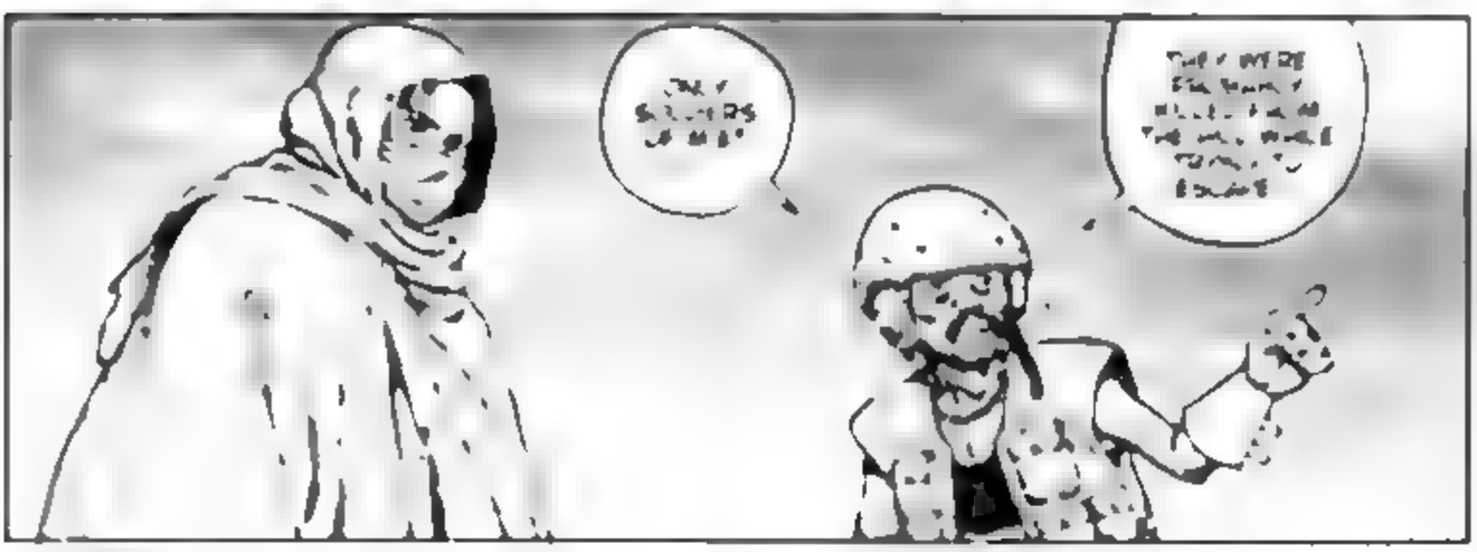
MAGGY!
TAP TAP
FWOOSH
OH!
ZUSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
AH AH...

WOOSH
WOOSH
FWHP
...
PFF...
MAGGY, ARE YOU OK?
ARE YOU HURT?


3 YEARS OF WORK ...
...REDUCED TO NOTHING ...
SORRY...
I DON'T THINK IT'LL FLY AGAIN...
BOUH-OUH...

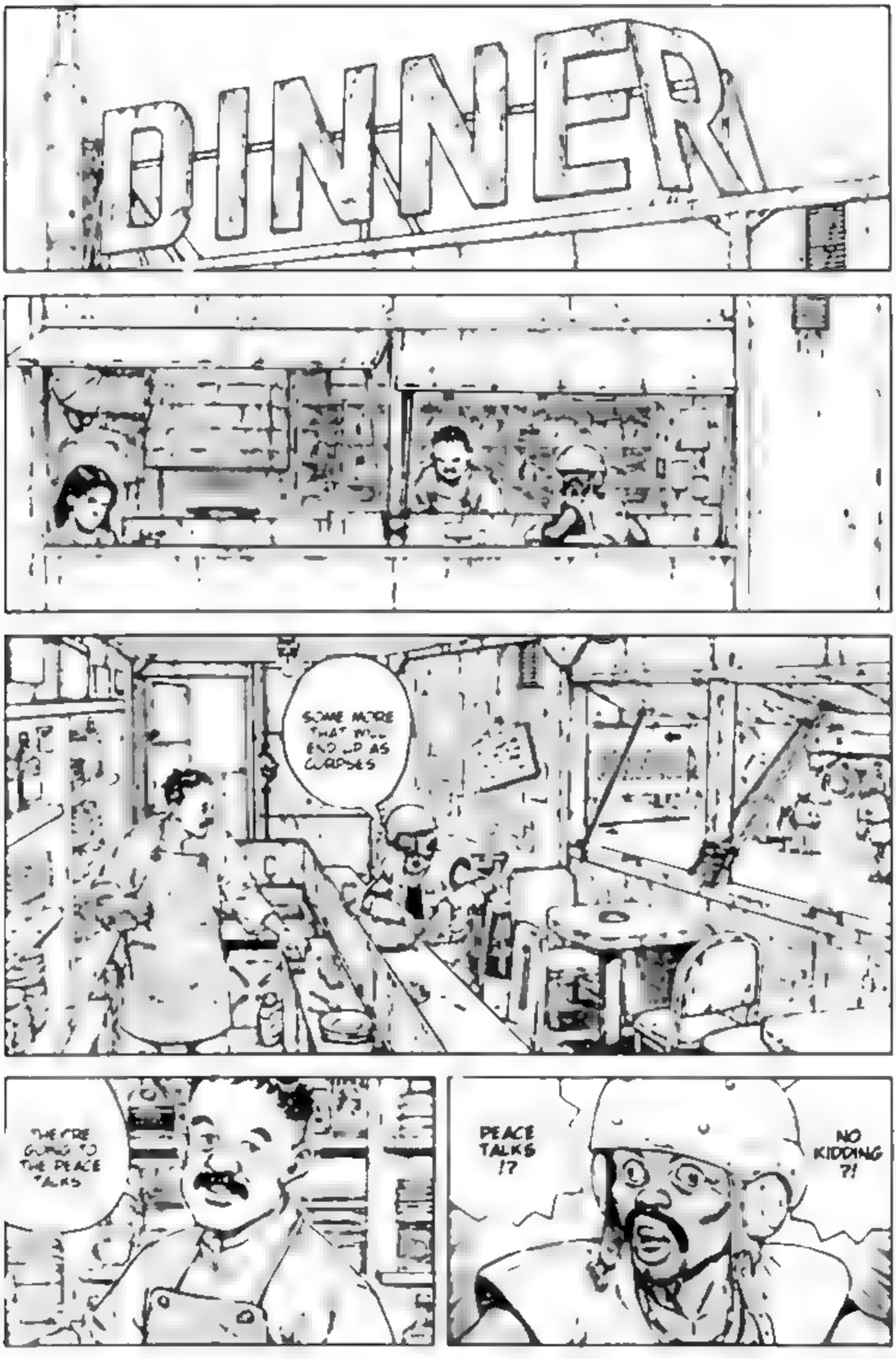






*MOTHER EARTH

ERICH'S WORK?
LOOK!!
THAT'S STRANGE!!
THEY LOOK LIKE THE WOUNDED FROM THE REPATRIATION FLIGHTS WITH NO WEAPONS
THIEVES?
I DON'T KNOW
BUT IT'S NOT A COOL PLACE
LET'S GO!
I DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE!


DINNER
SOME MORE THAT WILL END UP AS CORPSES
THE CPE GOING TO THE PEACE TALKS
PEACE TALKS !?
NO KIDDING ?!

IT SHOULD BE IN A MONTH, AT BYRON...
IT'LL LAST A YEAR, MAYBE EVEN TWO...
THE BIG SHOTS HAVE HAD THEIR SHARE OF CASUALTIES ...
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE EQUIPMENT? YOU DON'T NEED WEAPONS AT PEACE TALKS!
BAH, DON'T SAY THAT!
WAR HAS BECOME THEIR WHOLE LIFE, IT'S NOT EASY TO LET GO OF THE WEAPONS.
OKAY, LET'S HAVE A TOAST!
WHISKEY!!
IT'S ON THE HOUSE!
FWHP

I SHOULD GO THERE TOO!

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

WITH ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WILL REAPPLY, THERE SHOULD BE SOME BUSINESS TO DO, DON'T YOU THINK SO?

CLINC

YOU WANT TO OPEN YOUR SHOP...

...AM I WRONG?

WELL... WHY NOT!

IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA...

LONG TIME NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT ...

ZISH

ZISH

FIND A GIRL AND A PLACE WHERE I CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY

ZRISH

I HEARD THAT A LOT OF ORPHANS PASSED THROUGH HERE...

SHE NEVER GIVES UP...

EVEN AFTER THE MASSACRE ON THE HILL...

AH! MOTHERS ...

GLUBS

...WELL... YES, I THINK THERE WAS AN ORPHANAGE, BUT...

THE CHILDREN I'M LOOKING FOR CAME FROM WINDAM'S CENTER...

ZSH

DROP IT...

YOU REALLY ARE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE... SO, ORPHANS!

BY THE WAY, HOW DO WE GET TO BYRON?
IT'S REALLY EASY...
YOU ONLY HAVE TO FOLLOW THE SOLDIERS FROM BEFORE!
BUT A LITTLE ADVICE, DON'T STAY TOO CLOSE TO THEM, YOU'LL RISK BEING ATTACKED BY THE "HARATO"!
HARATO!?
!!
WHO ARE THEY...?
WHO?
THOSE "HARATO" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

IT'S A FAMOUS GANG HERE!
ZRSH
A GROUP OF MOUNTAIN BANDITS WHICH ATTACKS EVERY SOLDIER THAT PASSES THROUGH HERE!
IT'S SAID THAT IT WAS FORMED BY A BUNCH OF DESERTERS FROM BOTH SIDES!
BEFORE THEY ATTACKED ANYONE...
BUT, NOW, THEY ONLY ATTACK THE SOLDIERS OF BOTH ARMIES ...
IT'S THE NAME OF THEIR LEADER!
ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL HIM...
BUT WHY THAT NAME "HARATO" ?

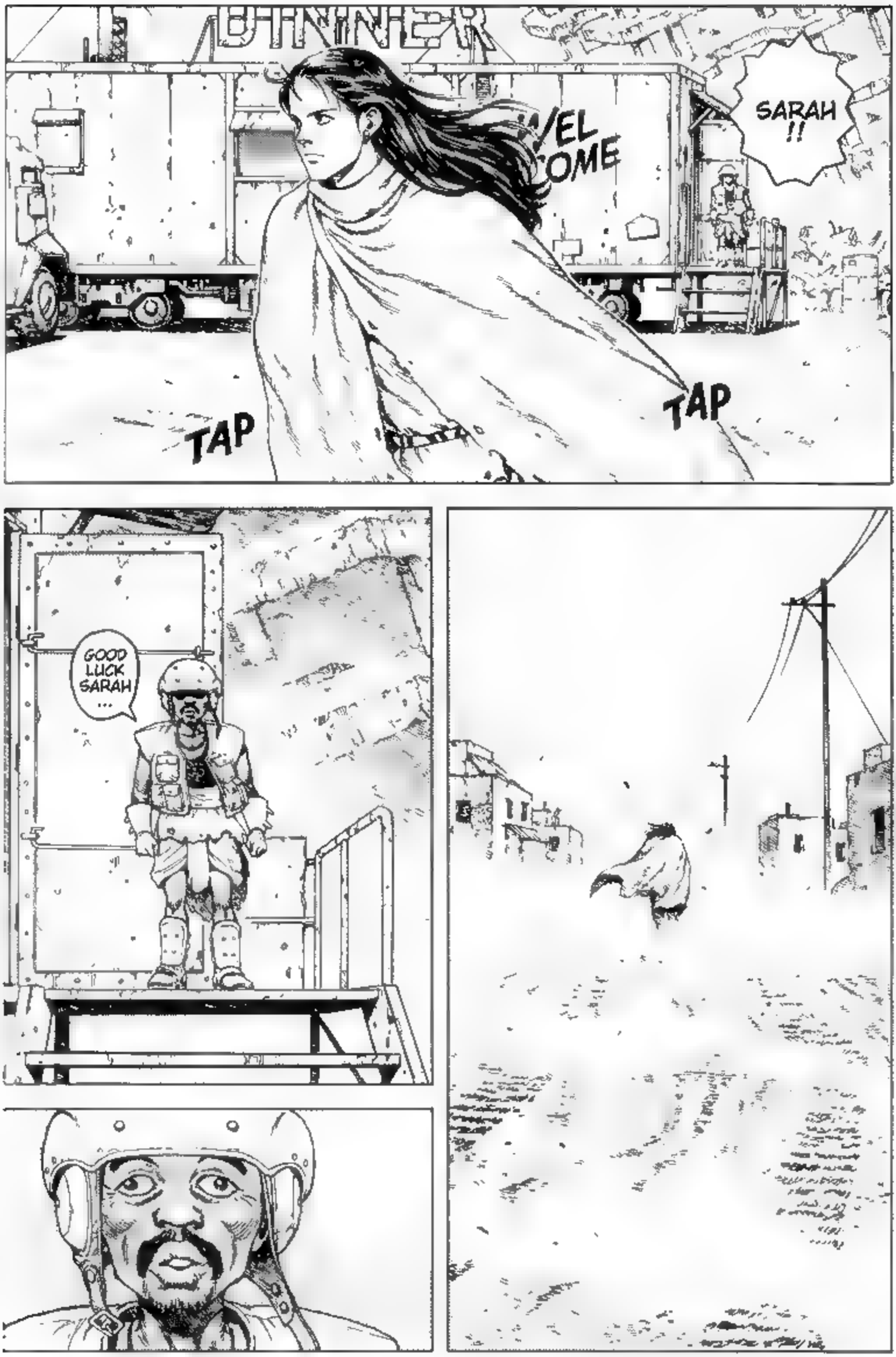
HOW OLD IS HE?
I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE TWENTY ...
HOWEVER KNOW HE WAS A SOLDIER OF EPOCH!
...
SARAH...
DOES HE LOOK LIKE SOMEONE ON THIS PICTURE?
WEL...
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM..
BUT, WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT?
HA HA HA...
FOR GOD'S LOVE, THERE'S NOT ONLY ONE HARATO IN THIS WORLD...

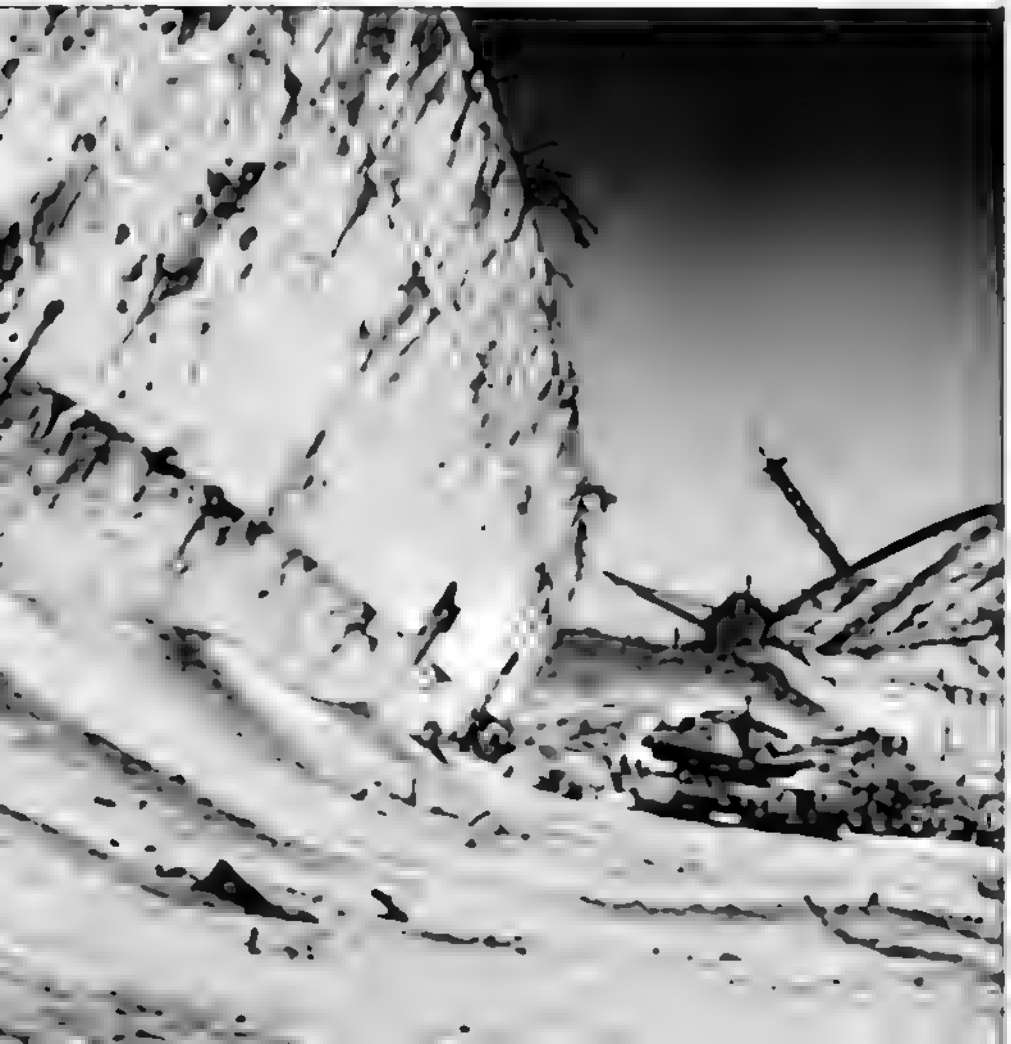
HERE'S HARATO ...
THE YOUNGSTER IS TSUMURI ...
TSU...
TSU-MURI ?!
DO YOU KNOW HIM?!
...
WELL... I HEARD THAT HARATO HAS A BROTHER WITH THAT NAME...
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M THEIR MOTHER!
OH OH!
WHERE MUST I GO TO MEET THEM?
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT?

YES!
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT!!
THEY'RE NOT CHILDEN OF CHORUS, I DON'T THINK THEY...
!
WHERE !?!
TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE !!
I DON'T KNOW BUT...
THEY CONSIDER THE OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN AS THEIR TERRITORY ...
I SWEAR TO YOU ...
BANDITS ?
EXCUSE ME, I LOST MY TEMPER...

GIVE ME A GLASS...
HERE.
WHAT'RE WE CLINKING GLASSES FOR?
GLUBS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP, TSUE.
THDD
WHAT?
YOUR PROJECTS AREN'T THE SAME AS MINE ANYMORE...
I HOPE WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN ONE DAY!
TAP TAP

HEY... SARAH!
DINNER
WEL COME
COME BACK, I WAS KIDDING !!
DINNER
SKSHHHH


DINNER
SARAH !!
TAP
TAP
GOOD LUCK SARAH ...



HEY, GIMME THE BOTTLE !!
HERE, DRINK!
GWAH AHAH AHAH
GREAT VICTORY! YEAH!!
GIMME THAT MEAT!
THAT WAS COOL!!
GREAT!
YEAH!
WE WON'T HAVE GAS PROBLEMS ANYMORE WITH THAT!
FRIISH
FRIISH

RECENT EVENTS HAVE BEEN ALARMING, WE MUST ESTABLISH A PLAN!
HARATO!
DARU!
SINCE THEY'VE STARTED THOSE PEACE TALKS, WE DON'T SEE REFUGEES ANYMORE. WORSE... AN INSPECTION AT THE VILLAGE OF "SALOON" REVEALED THAT IT HAS FORMED A BAND OF VIGILANTES MADE UP OF EX-SOLDIERS

THIS WORLD IS GONNA BECOME UNINHABITABLE ...
AND WHAT IF THE TWO ARMIES LINKED THEIR DETERRENT FORCES ONCE THEY DECIDE ON PEACE?"
WE WOULD BE UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND THEIR FIRST DECISION WOULD BE TO ORDER OUR DESTRUCTION!
BE CALM ...
WE CONTROL THE SITUATION!
AS LONG AS WE GOT OUR LITTLE BOMB THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING AGAINST US!
BY THE WAY, TASUKO ...
HOW ARE THE PREPARATIONS ?

MAYBE, WE WON'T BE READY FOR THE PEACE TALKS ...
BUT WE HURRY UP...
SOMEONE'S COMING!!
HOW MANY ARE THEY?!
FWOSH
RELAX, MORDON ...
?!
IT'S TSUMURI ..

VRMMM
VRMMBB

SKREEK
?!
ZISH
HERE HE COMES, AT LAST ...
HEY! WHERE WERE YOU?
DO YOU WANT US TO BE LOCATED BY THE PATROLS?
I HAD A PROBLEM WITH MY MOTOR-BIKE...
I WANTED MAGGY TO CHECK IT.
...
HRSH

EVERYONE MUST STAY!!
NO EXCEPTION!
OK, I'LL BE CAREFUL.
WHDD
HOW IS THE OLD MAGGY?
GOOD ...
KSHH
...

BY THE WAY, WE SAW HIS PLANE!

HIS FLYING COFFIN IS REALLY FUNNY!

IT'S A MIRACLE THAT HE'S STILL ALIVE!

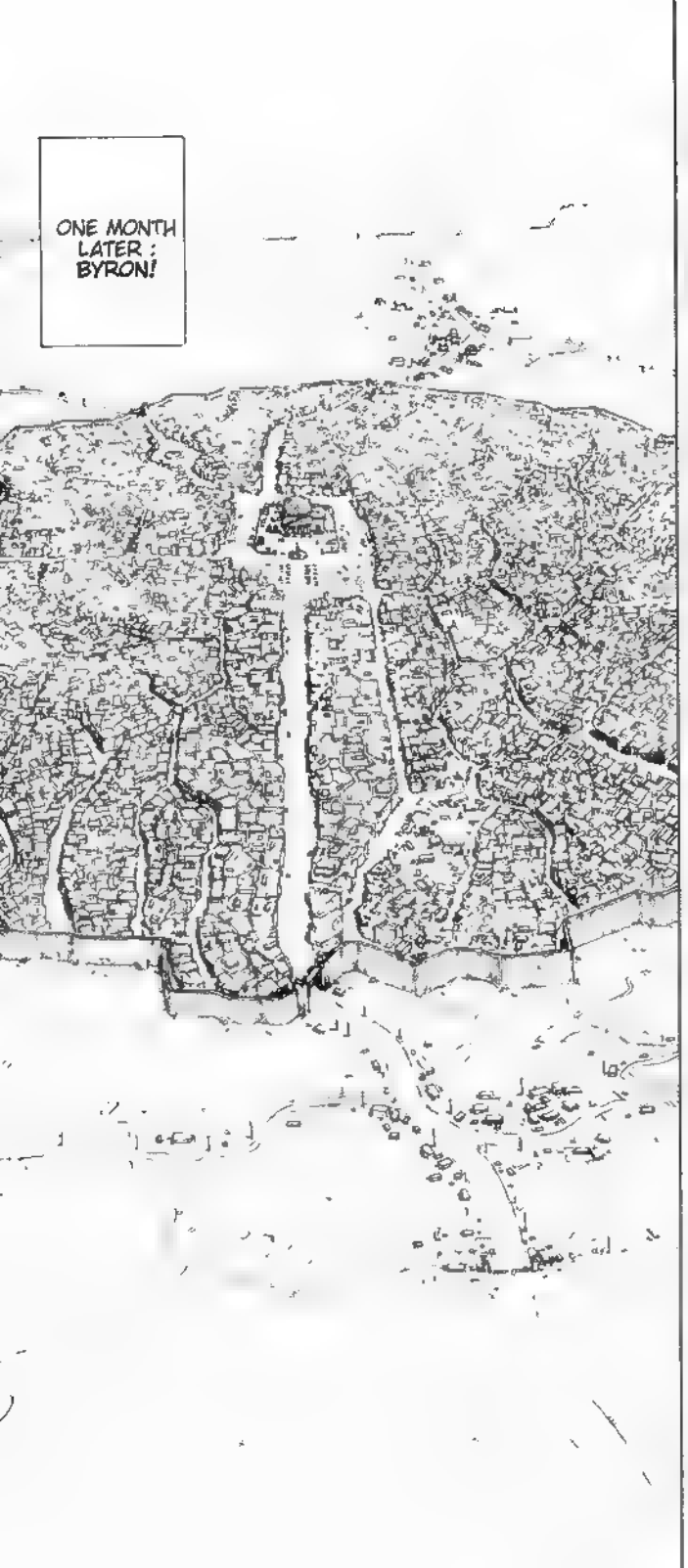
IT WON'T LAST FOREVER!

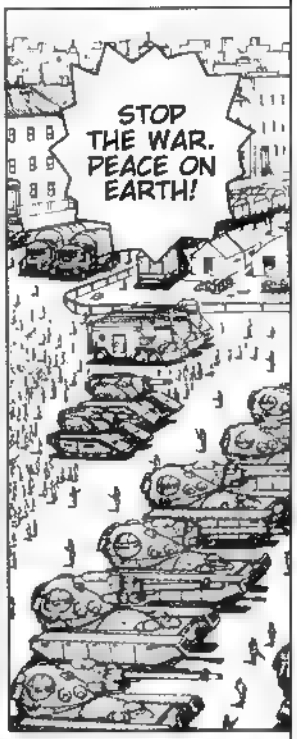
IF HE FALLS WITH THAT THING, HE'S GONNA DIG HIS OWN GRAVE!

AHAH AHAH! THAT'S A GOOD ONE !!

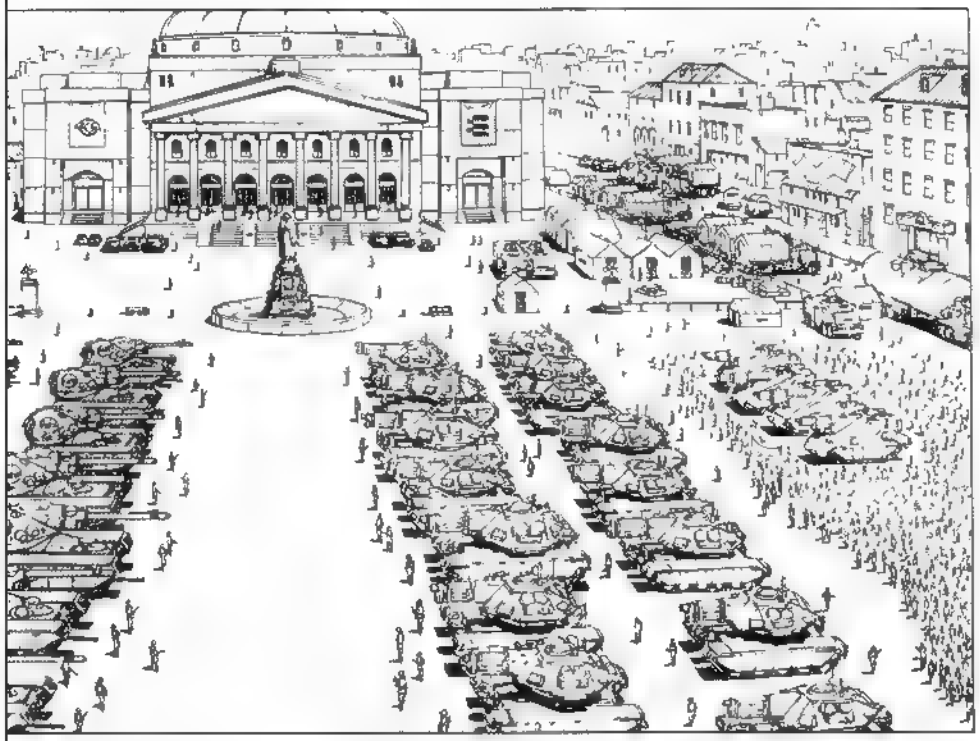
IF THERE'S SOMETHING REMAINING!

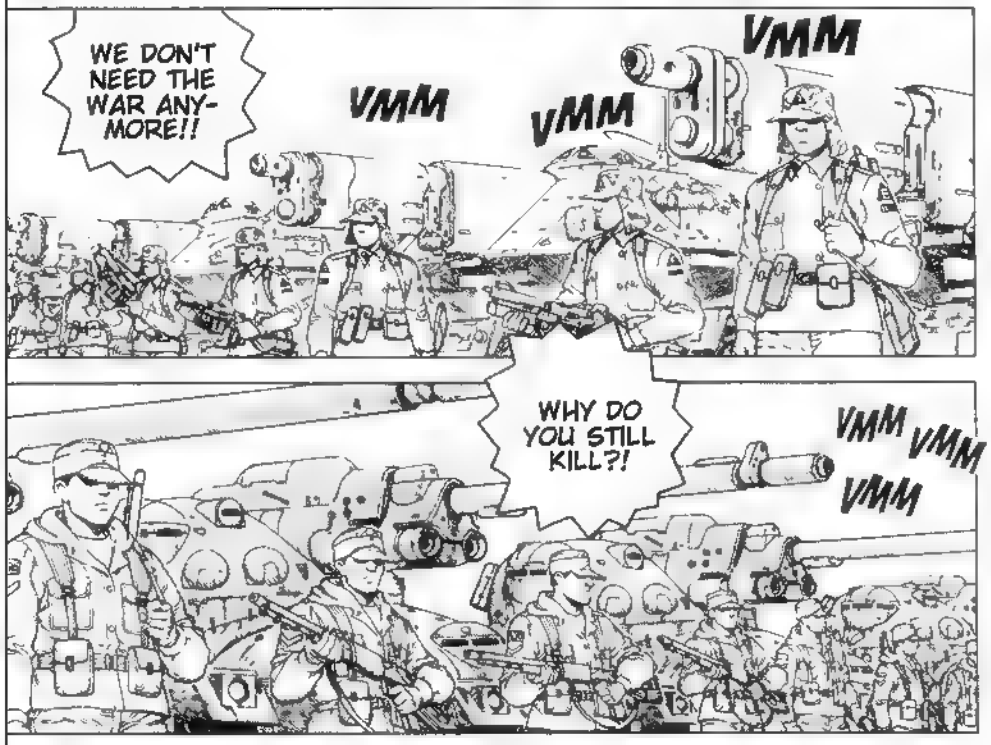
GAHA AHA AH AHAH


ONE MONTH LATER : BYRON!


STOP THE WAR. PEACE ON EARTH!

STOP THE KILLING!
YES! HE'S RIGHT !!




WE DON'T NEED THE WAR ANY-MORE!!
VMM
VMM
VMM
WHY DO YOU STILL KILL?!
VMM VMM
VMM

HUMAN BEINGS ARE ALL EQUAL!

STOP THE WAR!

WE'RE ALL BROTHERS !!

KILL THOSE OF EPOCH WHO POLLUTED THE EARTH!

YES! YES!

GIVE ME MY SON BACK!

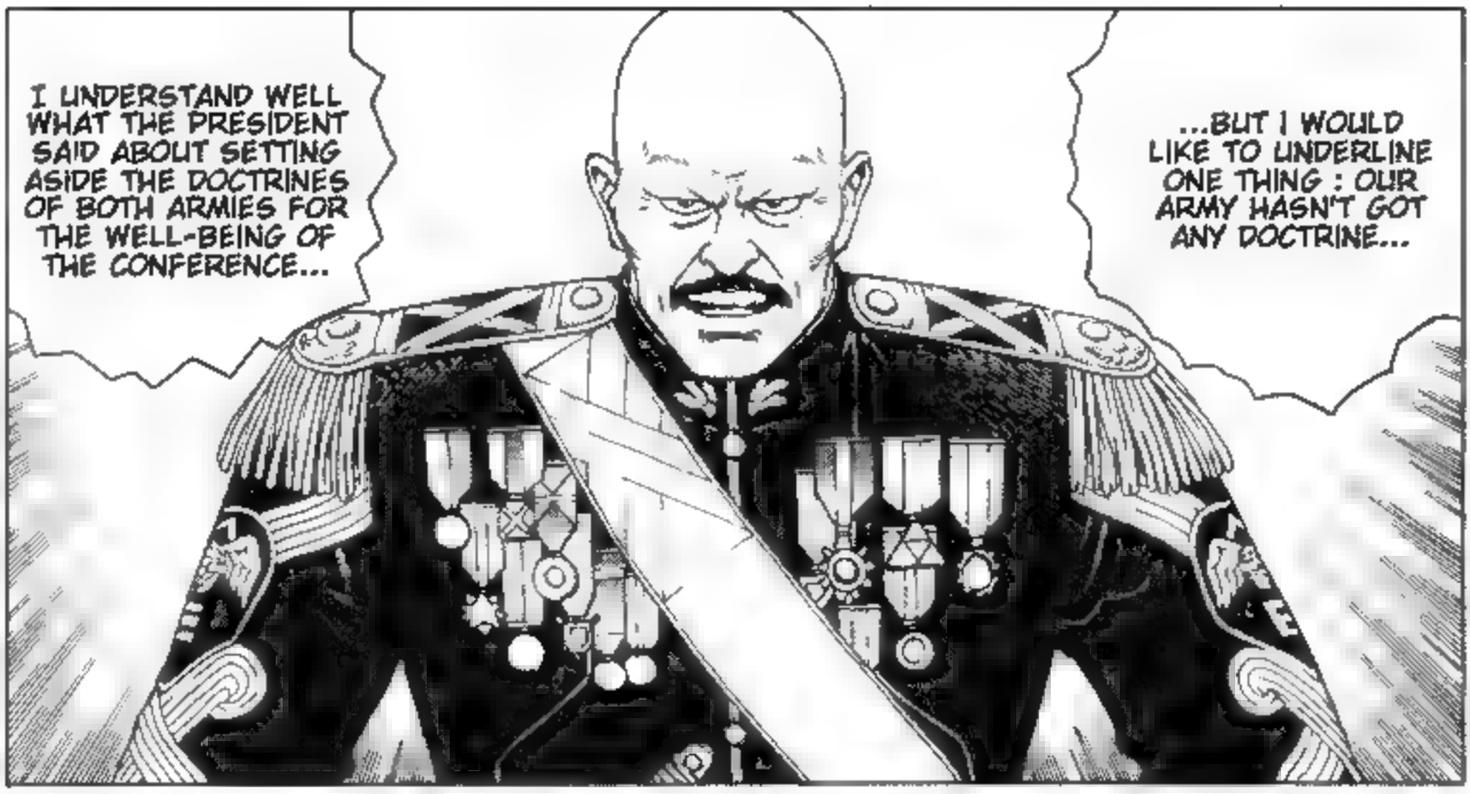
EVEN IF THE PEACE IS DECLARED, I'LL STILL FIGHT!

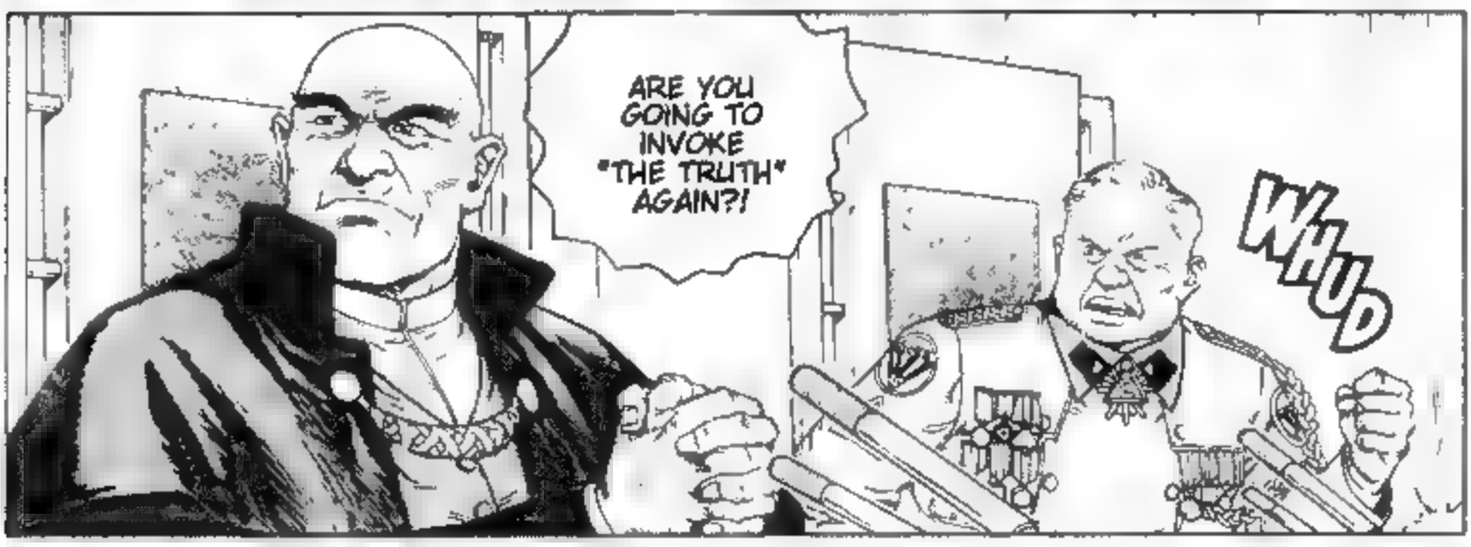
ALL MY FAMILY WAS KILLED BY M.E.!

DON'T DO THAT!

WE MUST KILL EPOCH UNTIL THE LAST ONE !!

LISTEN TO ME!
YOU SHOULDN'T LET ANGER DARKEN YOUR HEARTS!
PRAY FOR PEACE MY FRIENDS!
KILL THAT HYPOCRITE !!
KILL HIM!!
YEAH !!
AAAH! HELP...
DIE!!
FWUD
FWUD
FWUD
VMM
VMM
VMM
VMM

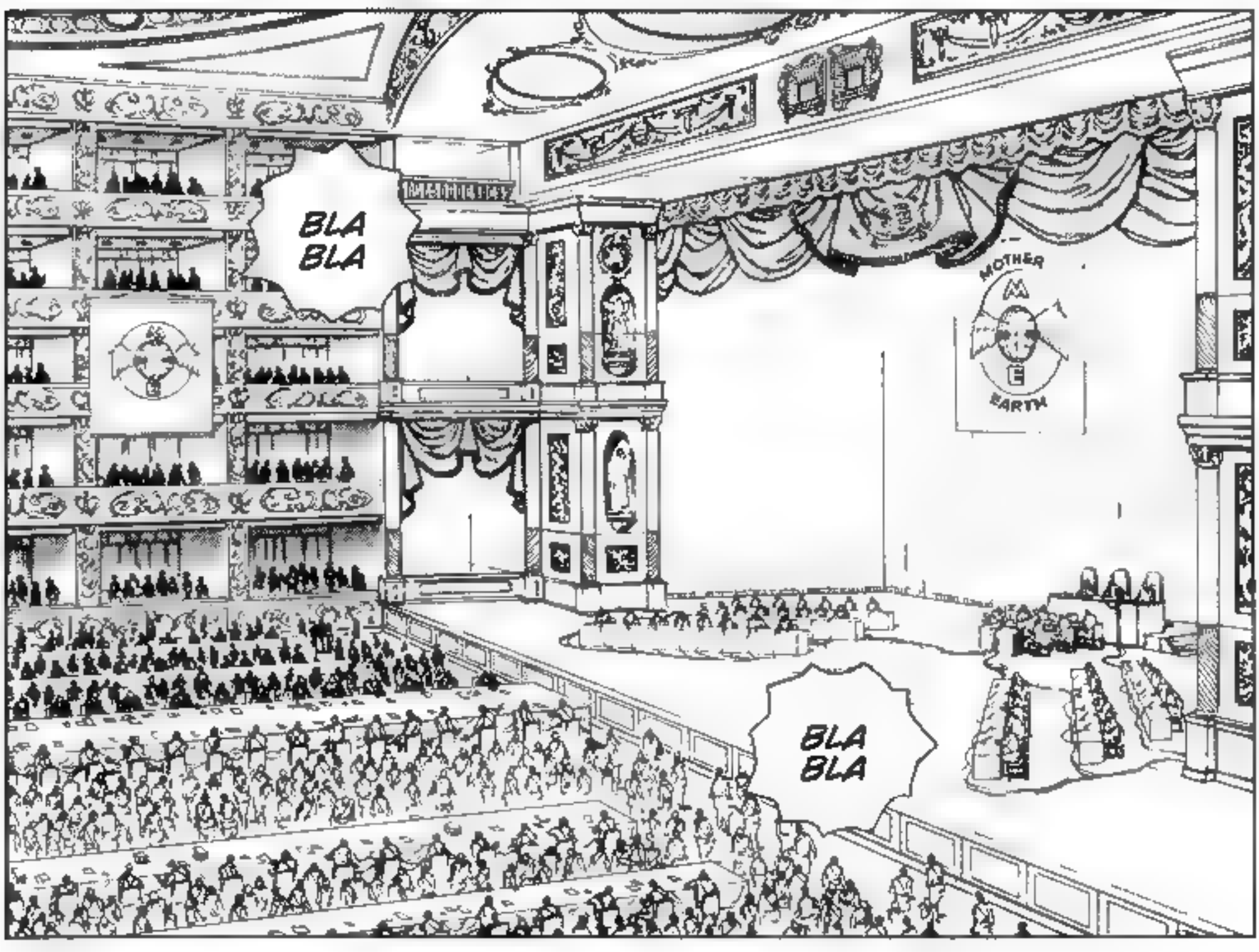

I UNDERSTAND WELL WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID ABOUT SETTING ASIDE THE DOCTRINES OF BOTH ARMIES FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CONFERENCE...
...BUT I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE ONE THING : OUR ARMY HASN'T GOT ANY DOCTRINE...


ARE YOU GOING TO INVOKE "THE TRUTH" AGAIN?!
WHUD

EXACTLY! EVERYONE KNOWS THAT YOU'RE THE ONES WHO STARTED THIS WAR!!
WHUD
ZWOSH
WHAT?!

MMM
BLA BLA
MMM
BLA BLA

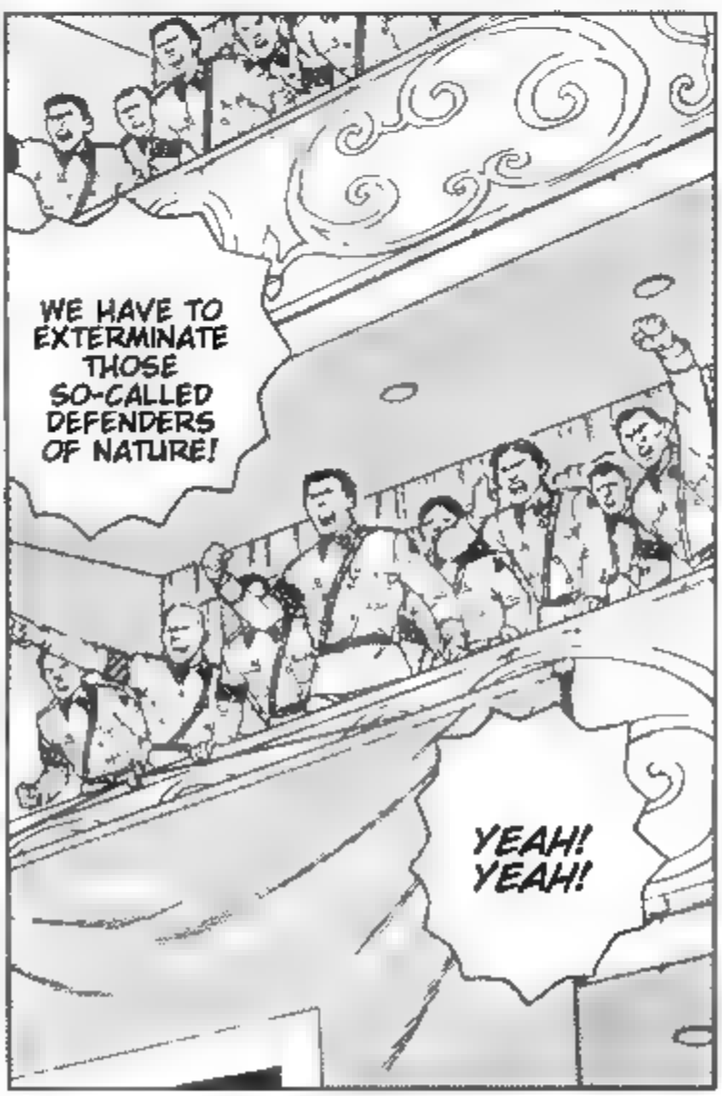
BLA BLA
MMM
BLA BLA
MMM

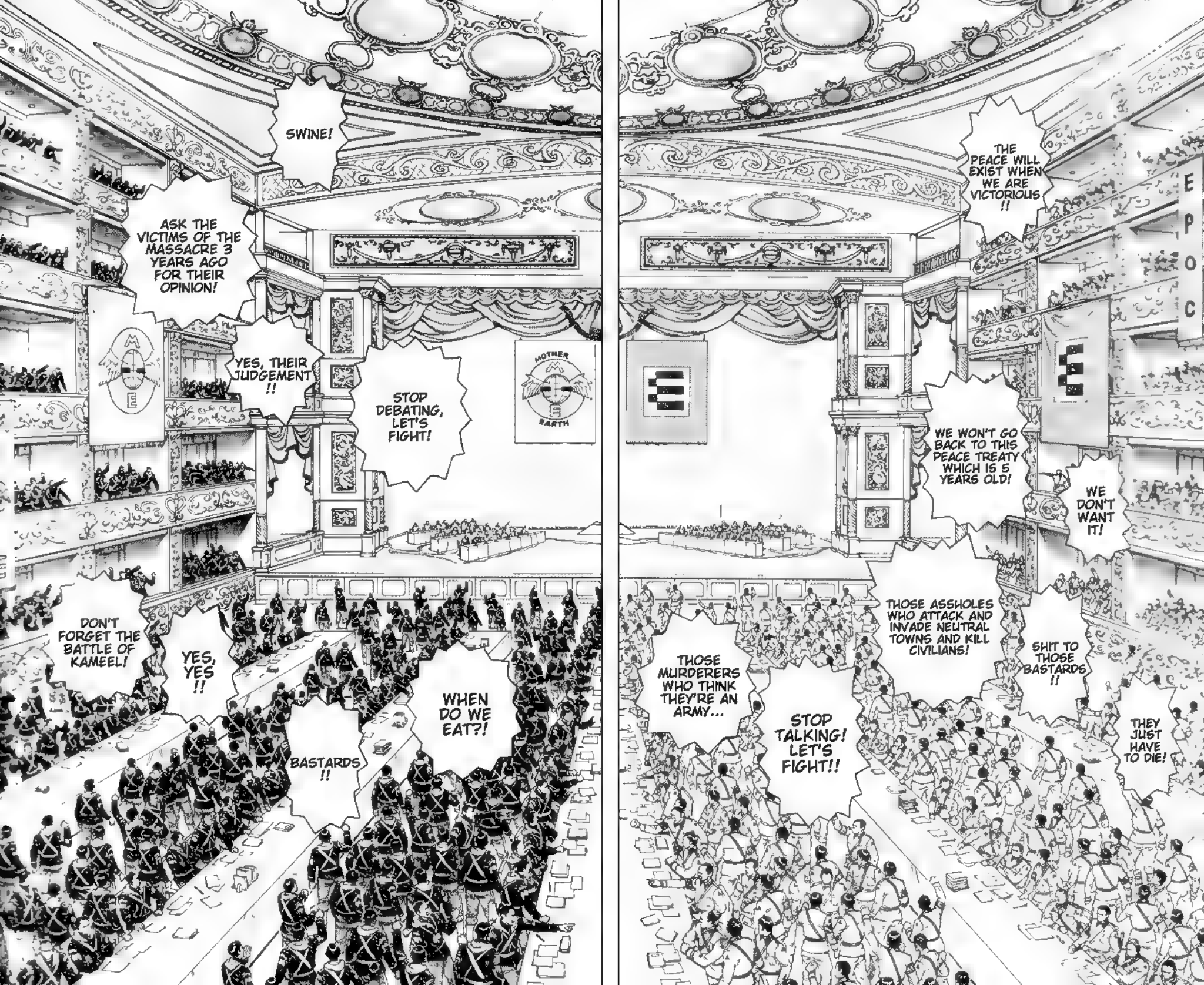

BLA BLA
MOTHER
EARTH
BLA BLA

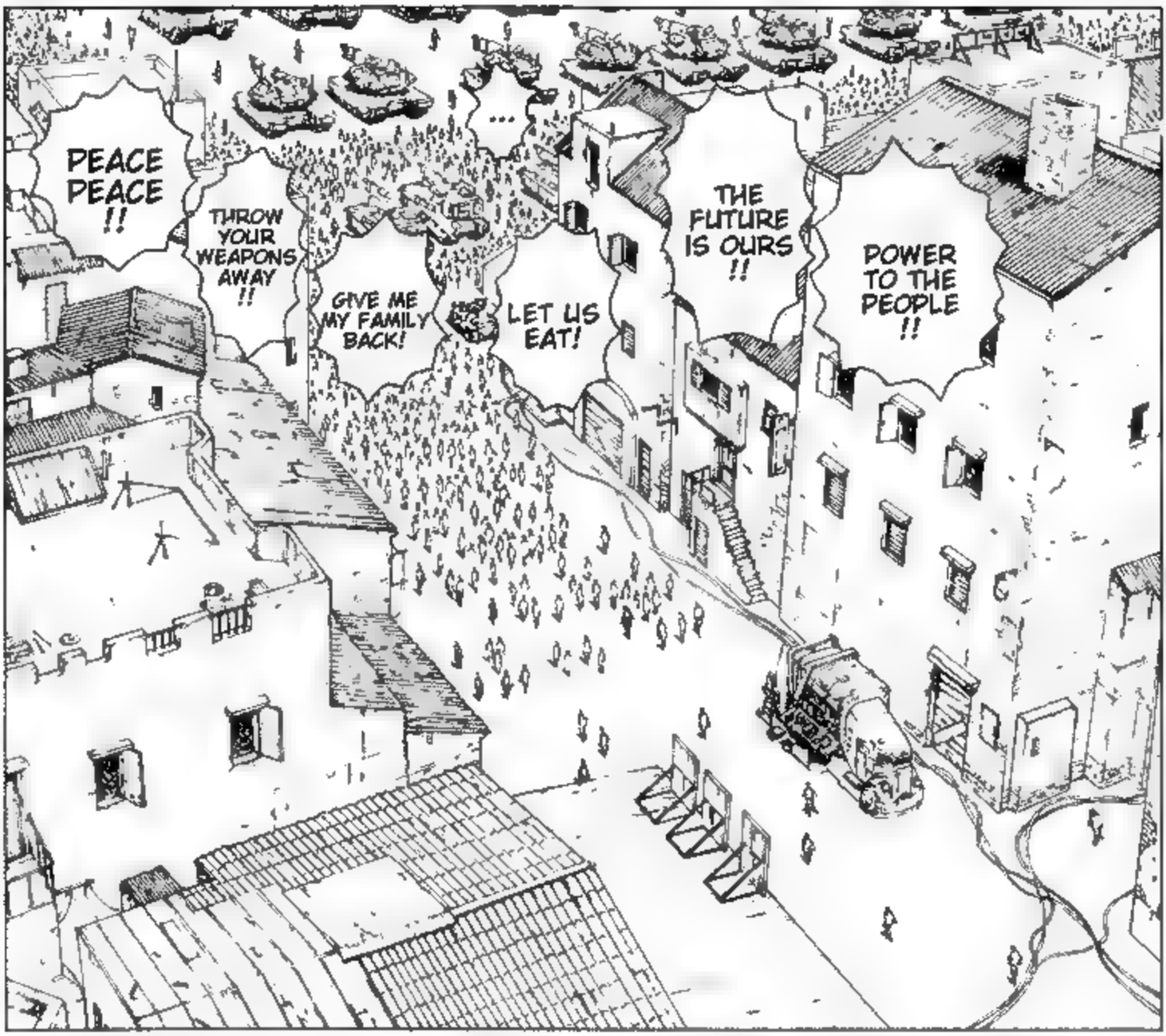
ENOUGH GENTLEMEN !!
I'D LIKE YOU TO MAINTAIN CALM DURING THE DEBATES!

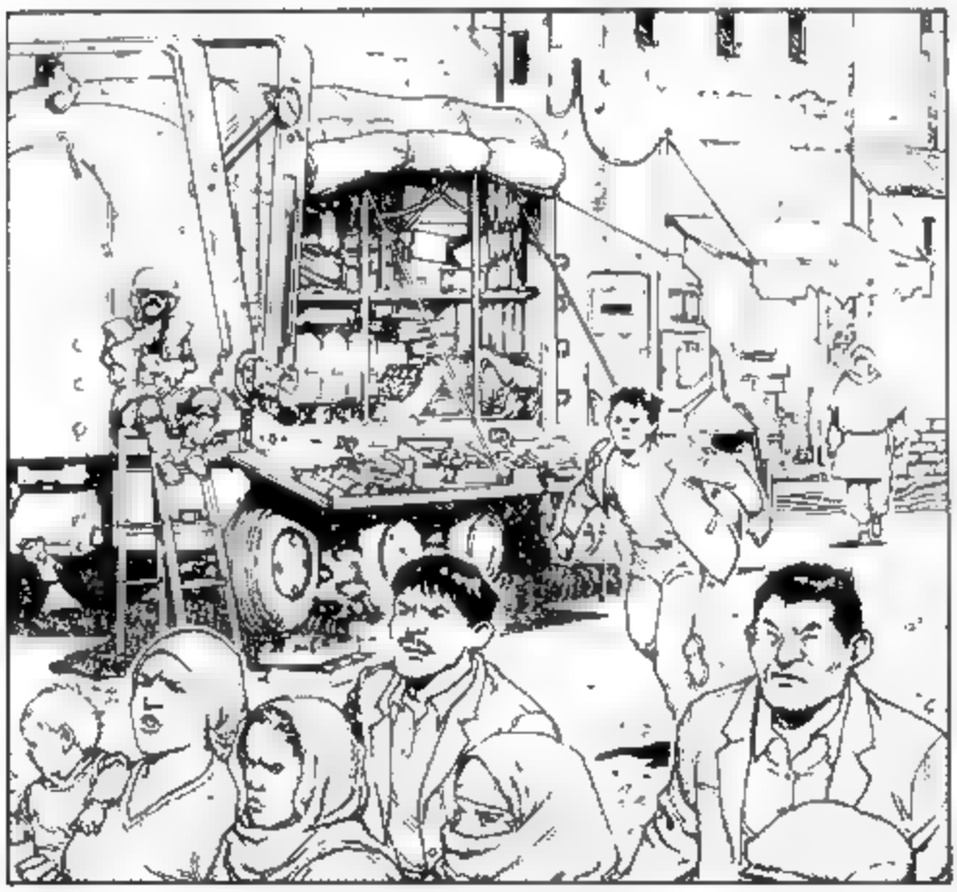
WE ALL KNOW THE ARGUMENTS OF BOTH SIDES!
WE AREN'T LOOKING FOR THE PARTY THAT STARTED THE WAR, WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEACE.

WE DON'T WANT PEACE WITH THOSE EPOCH BASTARDS!
WELL SAID!


WE HAVE TO EXTERMINATE THOSE SO-CALLED DEFENDERS OF NATURE!
YEAH! YEAH!


SWINE!
ASK THE VICTIMS OF THE MASSACRE 3 YEARS AGO FOR THEIR OPINION!
YES, THEIR JUDGEMENT !!
STOP DEBATING, LET'S FIGHT!
MOTHER EARTH
DON'T FORGET THE BATTLE OF KAMEEL!
YES, YES !!
BASTARDS !!
WHEN DO WE EAT?!
THE PEACE WILL EXIST WHEN WE ARE VICTORIOUS !!
WE WON'T GO BACK TO THIS PEACE TREATY WHICH IS 5 YEARS OLD!
WE DON'T WANT IT!
THOSE ASSHOLES WHO ATTACK AND INVADE NEUTRAL TOWNS AND KILL CIVILIANS!
SHIT TO THOSE BASTARDS !!
THOSE MURDERERS WHO THINK THEY'RE AN ARMY...
STOP TALKING! LET'S FIGHT!!
THEY JUST HAVE TO DIE!


PEACE PEACE !!
THROW YOUR WEAPONS AWAY !!
GIVE ME MY FAMILY BACK!
LET US EAT!
THE FUTURE IS OURS !!
POWER TO THE PEOPLE !!



BAD IDEA .. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO BUSINESS HERE, THEY'RE ONLY THINKING ABOUT THE PEACE TALKS..

MAY I HELP YOU?

...

ZISH

ZISH

SAY...

YOU CAN FIND EVERYTHING AT TSUE'S SHOP!

EXCEPT LOVE AND COURAGE, I HAVE WHATEVER YOU WANT!

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING FOR ME?

WHAT?!

FOR YOU?

AH!... I KNOW...

BUT WHERE IS IT?

DROP IT...

WHAT CAN MAKE AN OLD MAN HAPPY?

HMM...

ZRISH

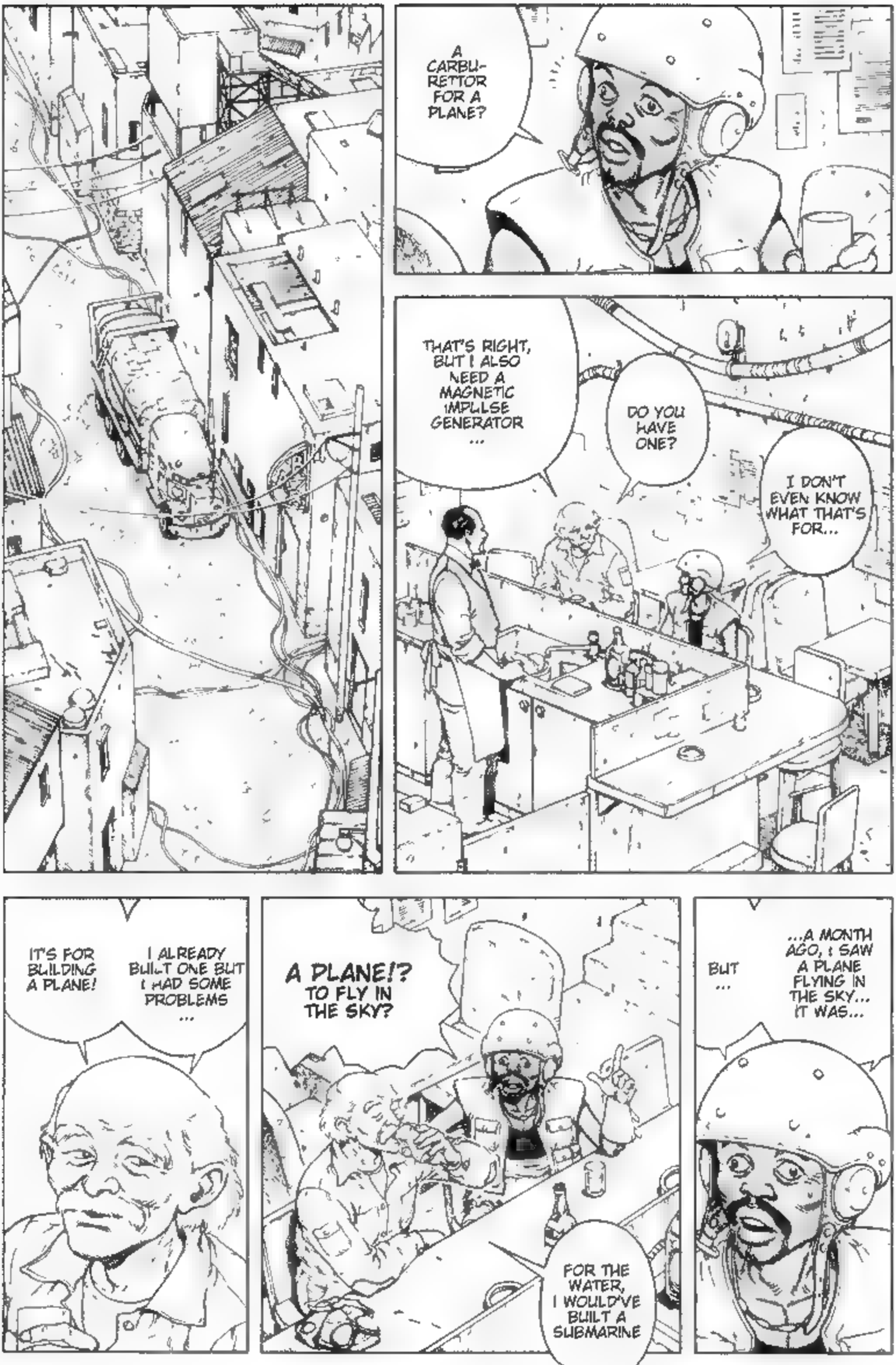
CLANG

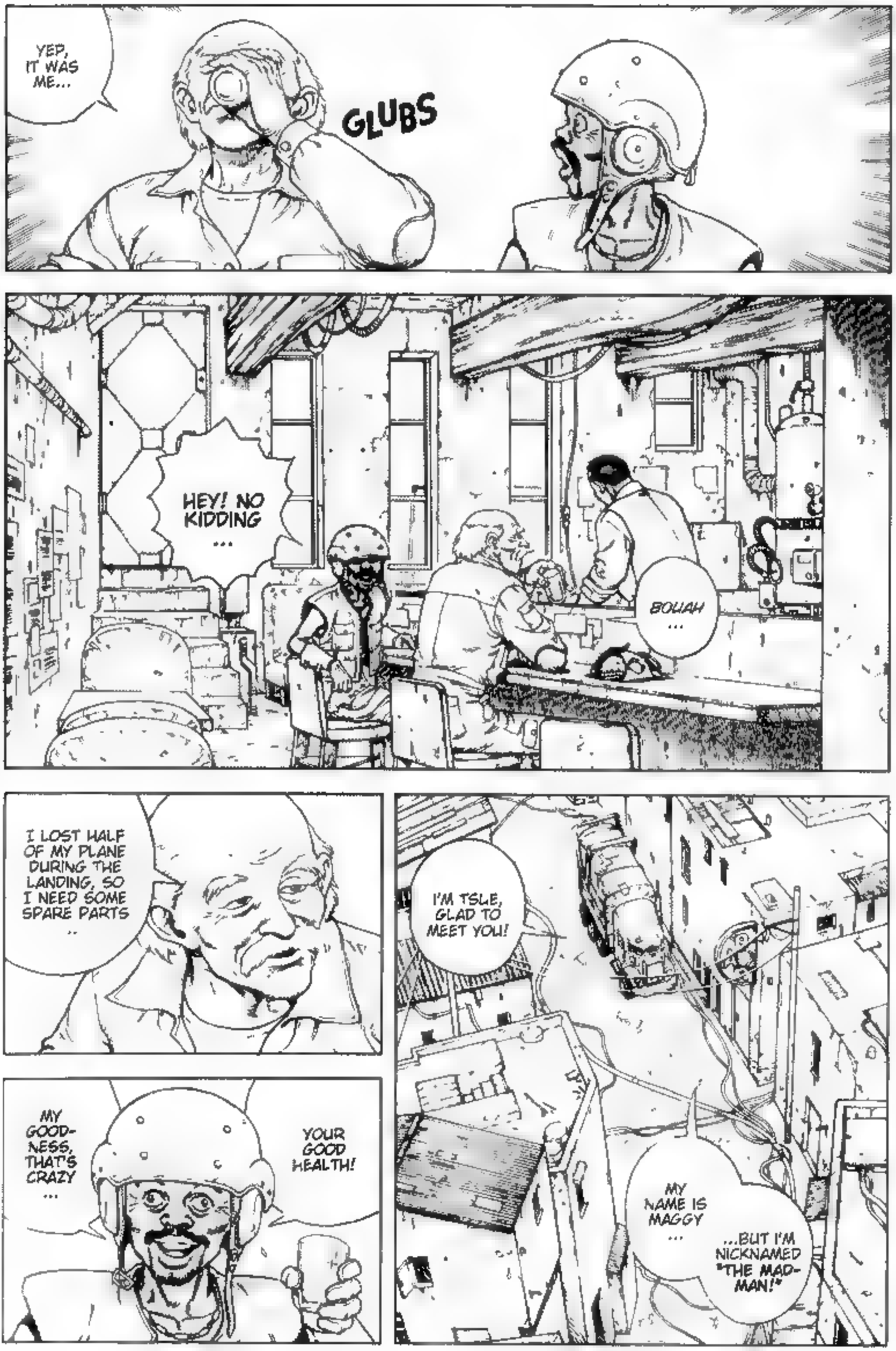
AH, HERE IT IS!

HERE...

WHAT? WAIT, DON'T YOU LIKE MY POKER?

HEY, OLD MAN!


A CARBU-RETTOR FOR A PLANE?
THAT'S RIGHT, BUT I ALSO NEED A MAGNETIC IMPULSE GENERATOR ...
DO YOU HAVE ONE?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT'S FOR...
IT'S FOR BUILDING A PLANE!
I ALREADY BUILT ONE BUT I HAD SOME PROBLEMS ...
A PLANE!? TO FLY IN THE SKY?
FOR THE WATER, I WOULD'VE BUILT A SUBMARINE
BUT ...
...A MONTH AGO, I SAW A PLANE FLYING IN THE SKY... IT WAS...


YEP, IT WAS ME...
GLUBS
HEY! NO KIDDING ...
BOUAH ...
I LOST HALF OF MY PLANE DURING THE LANDING, SO I NEED SOME SPARE PARTS ..
I'M TSLE, GLAD TO MEET YOU!
MY GOOD-NESS, THAT'S CRAZY ...
YOUR GOOD HEALTH!
MY NAME IS MAGGY ...
...BUT I'M NICKNAMED "THE MAD-MAN!"

HM?
WHSSHH

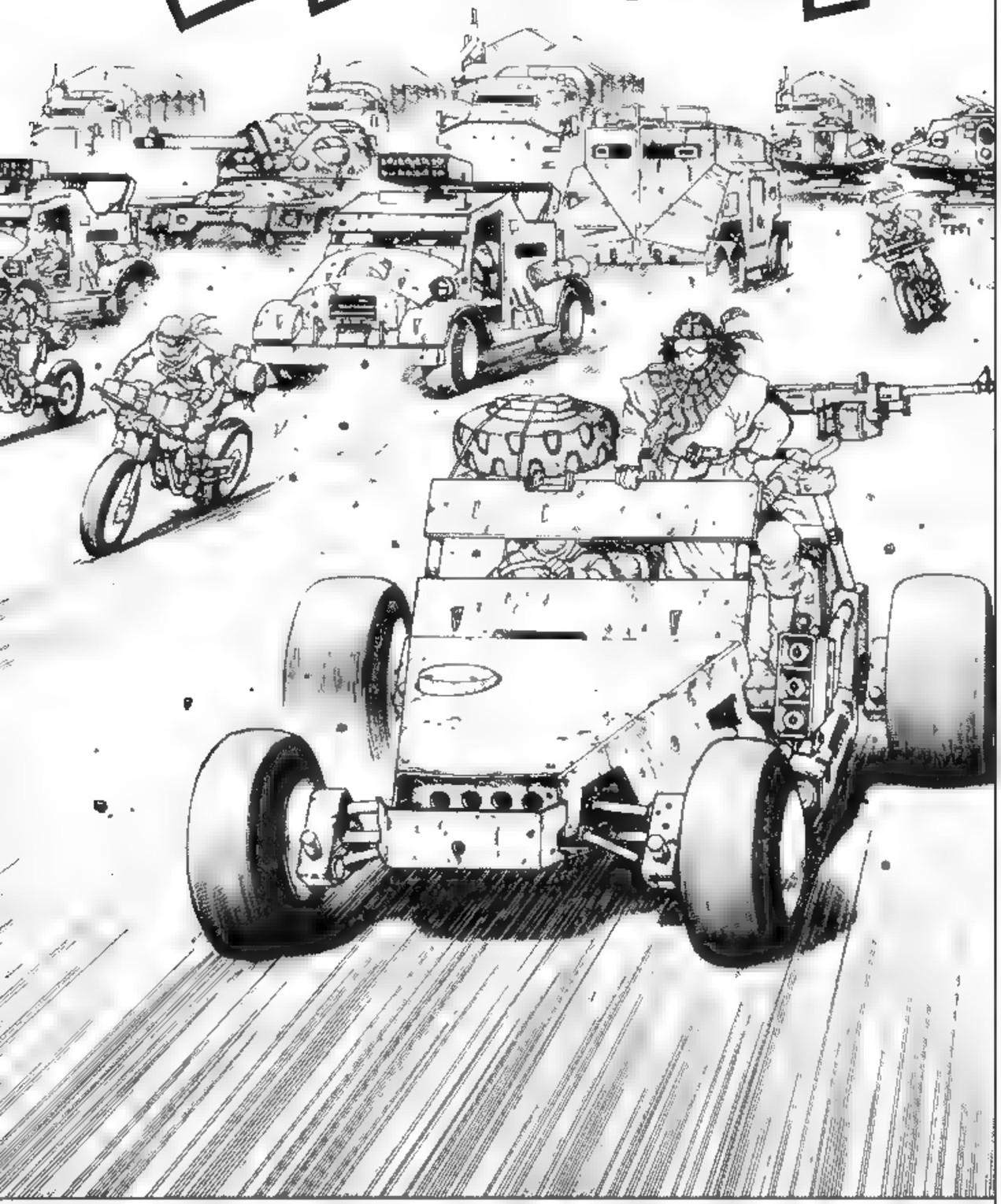
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!

VRMMMMM

VRMMMMM

BBBBBB

VRMMM



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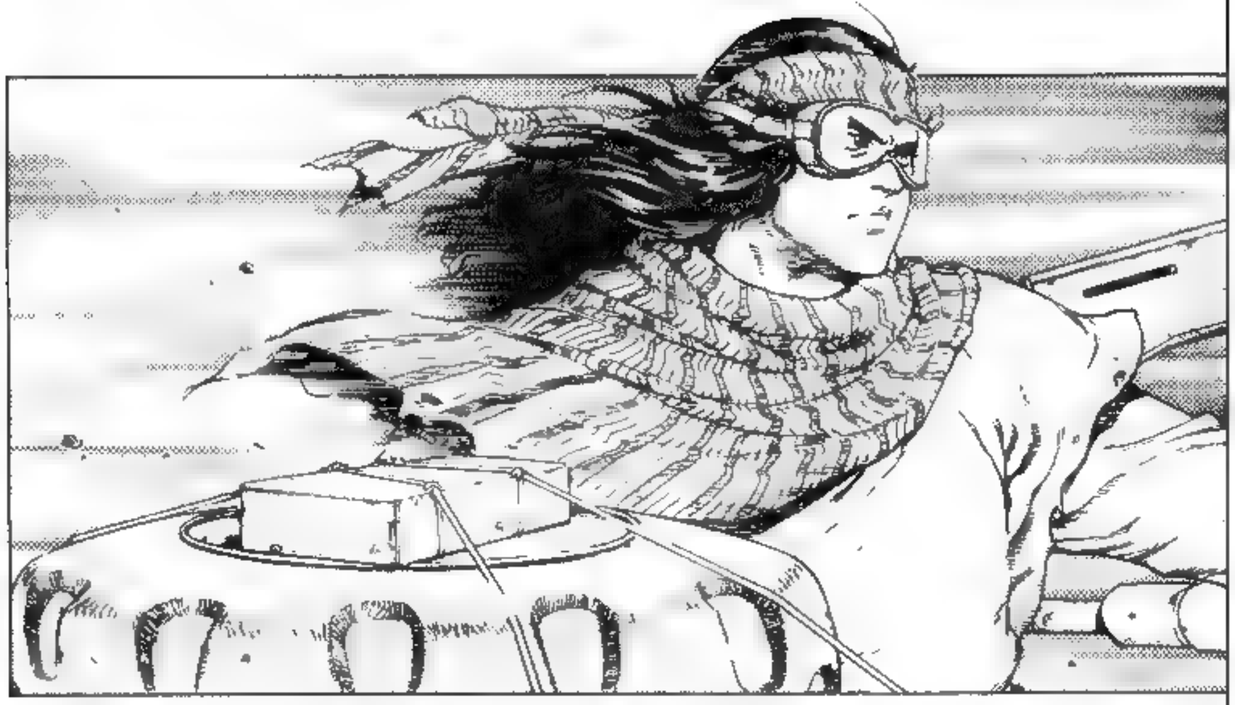

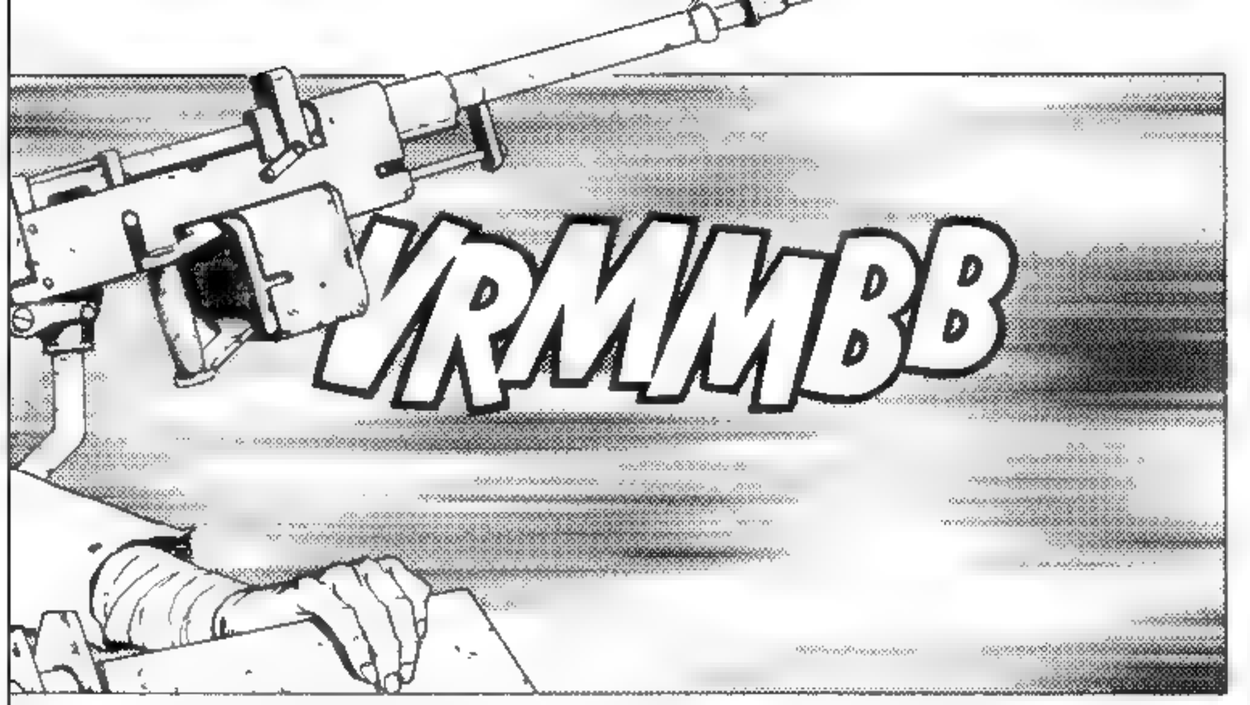
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HARATO
HARATO
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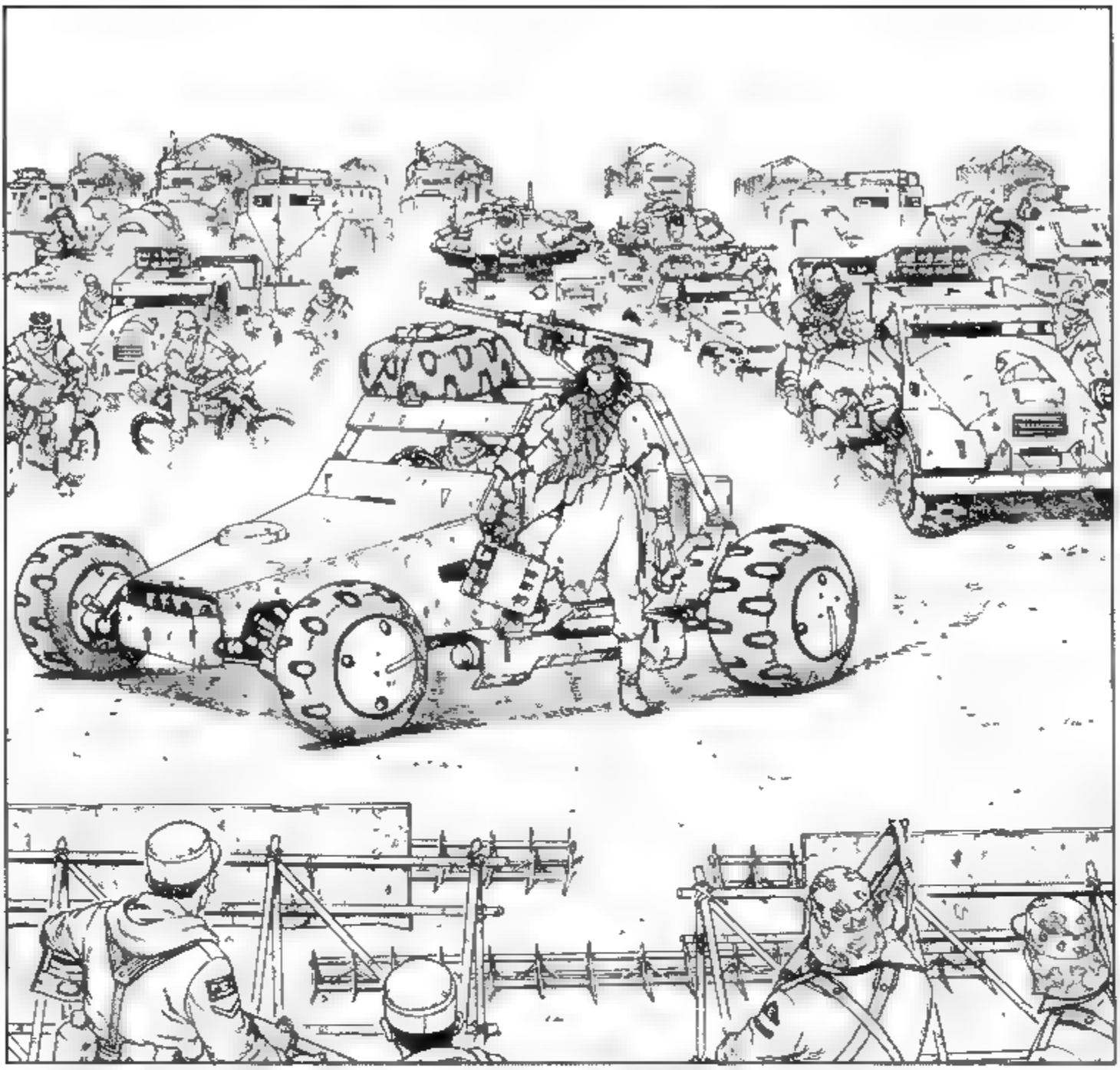
HARATO

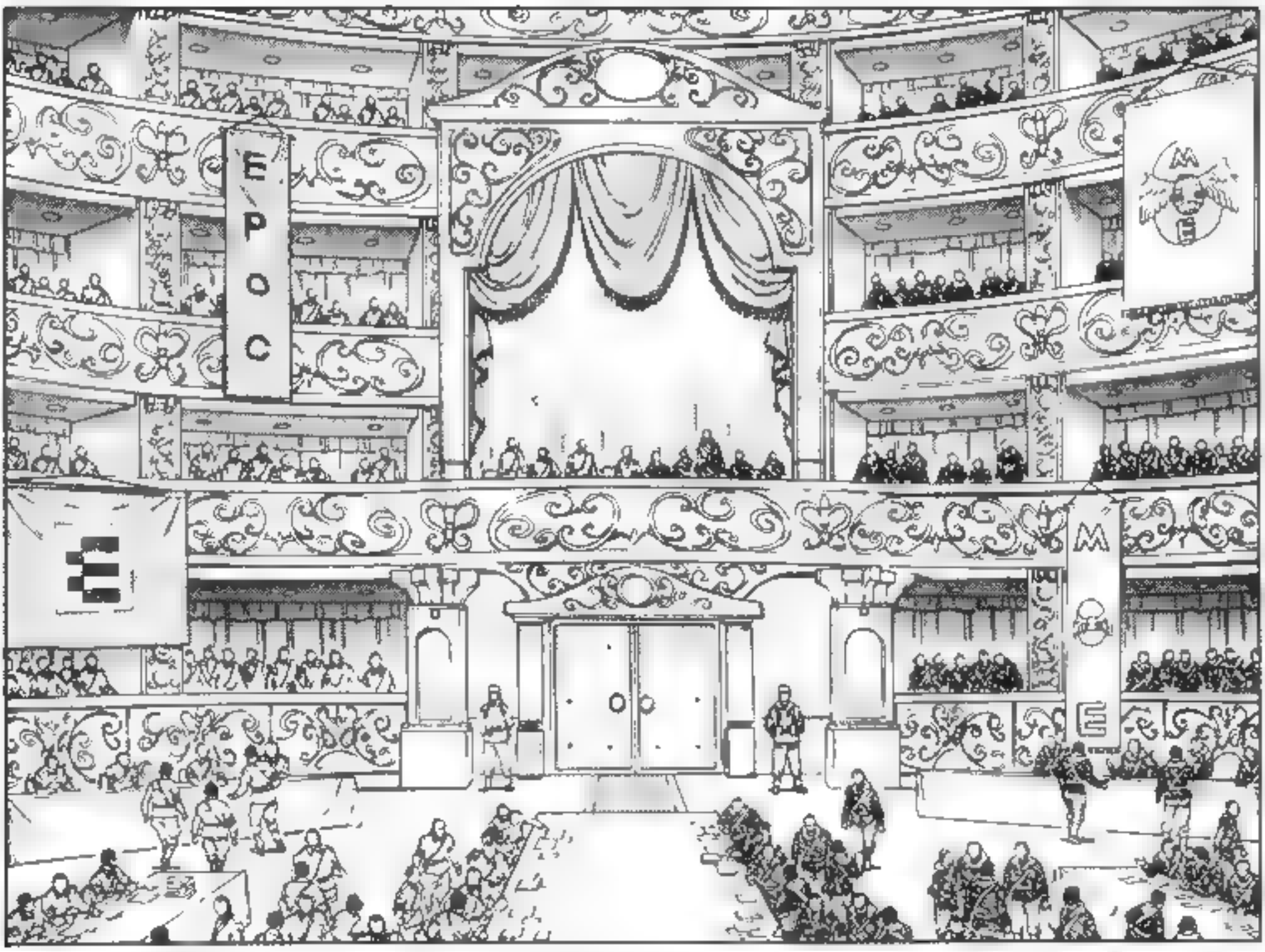
SKREE

...

THUD



I'M HARATO !!
I WANT TO TALK TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEACE TALKS!
GO TELL HIM!


EPOC
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BLA
BLA
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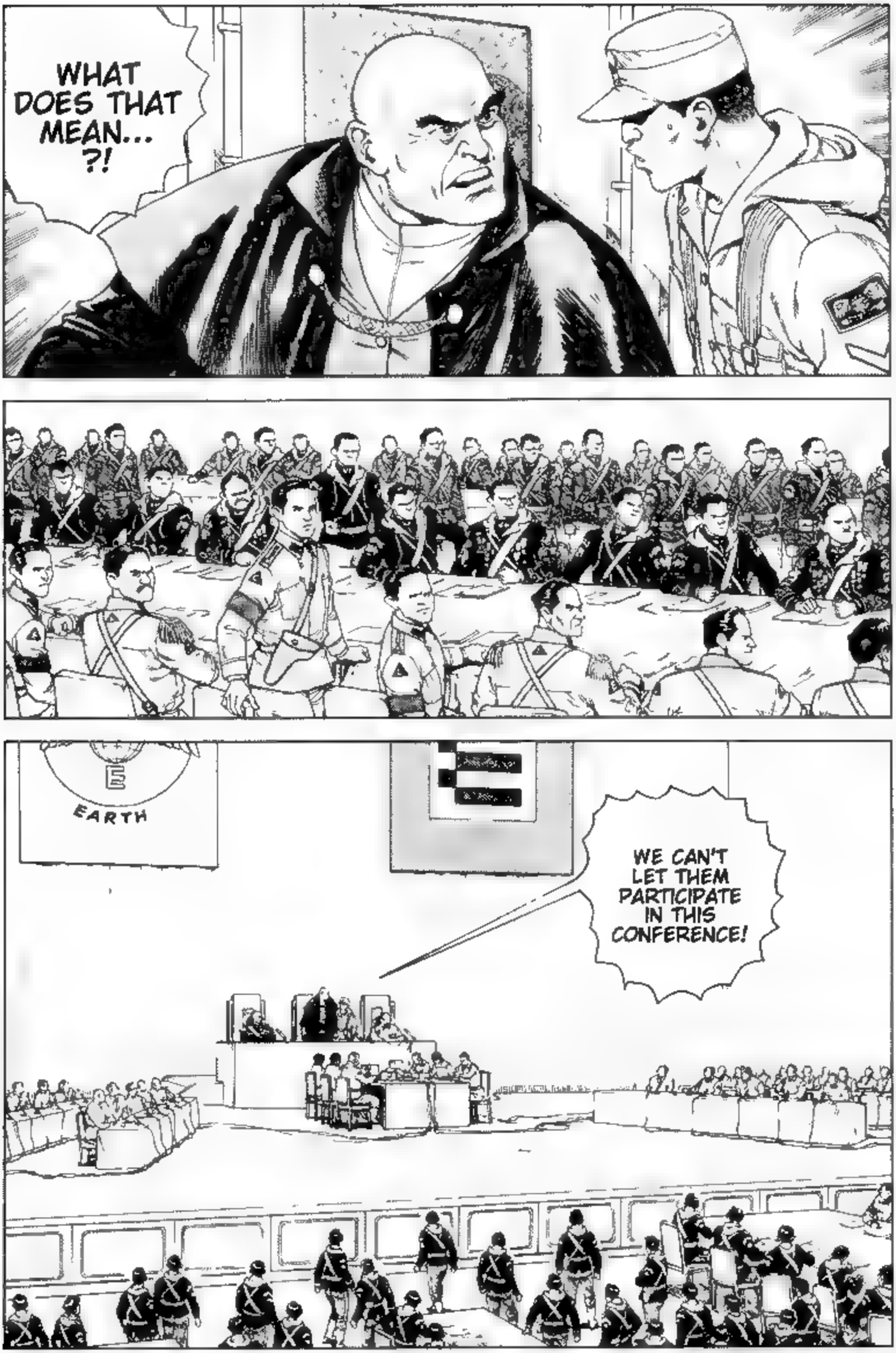
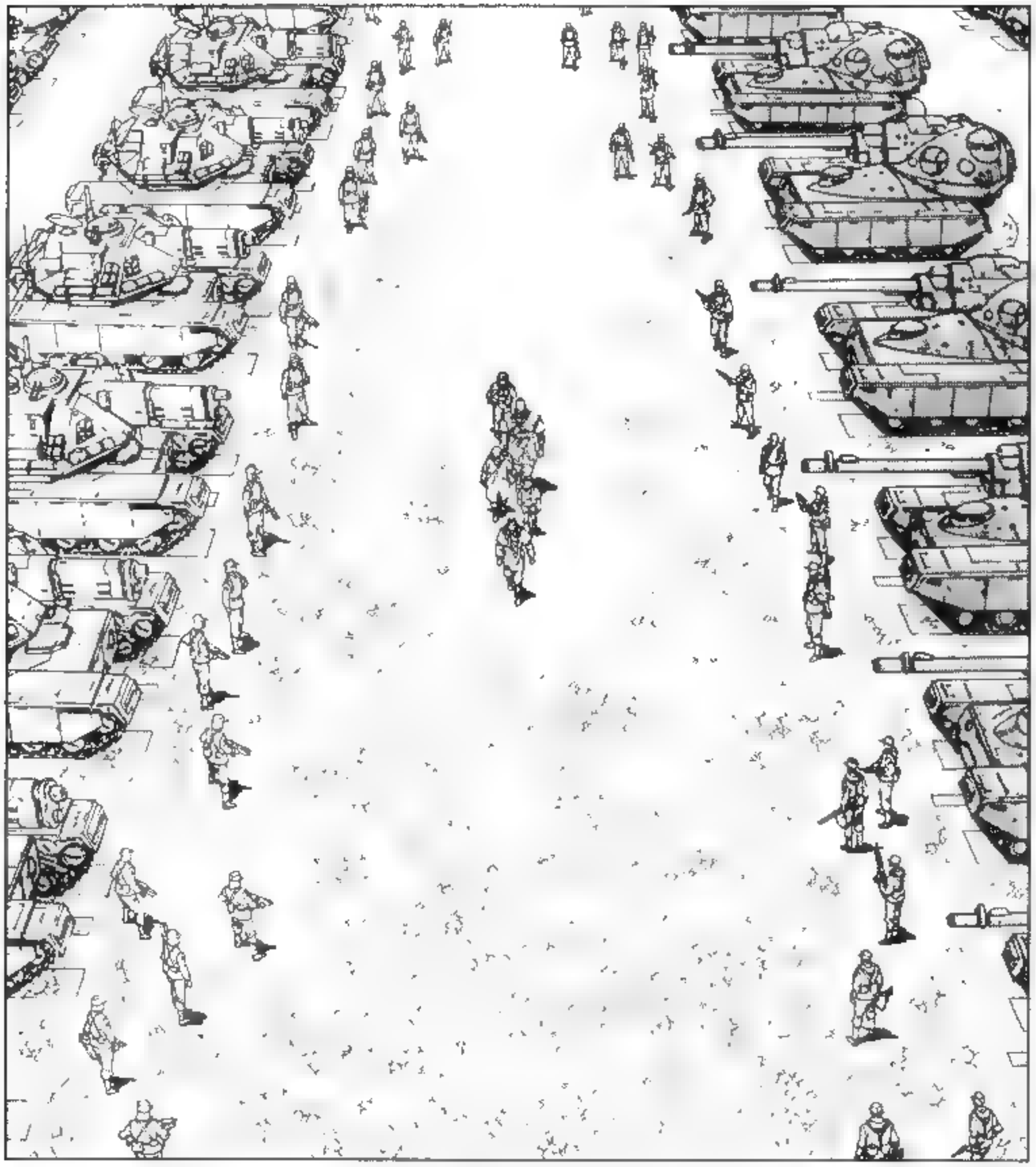
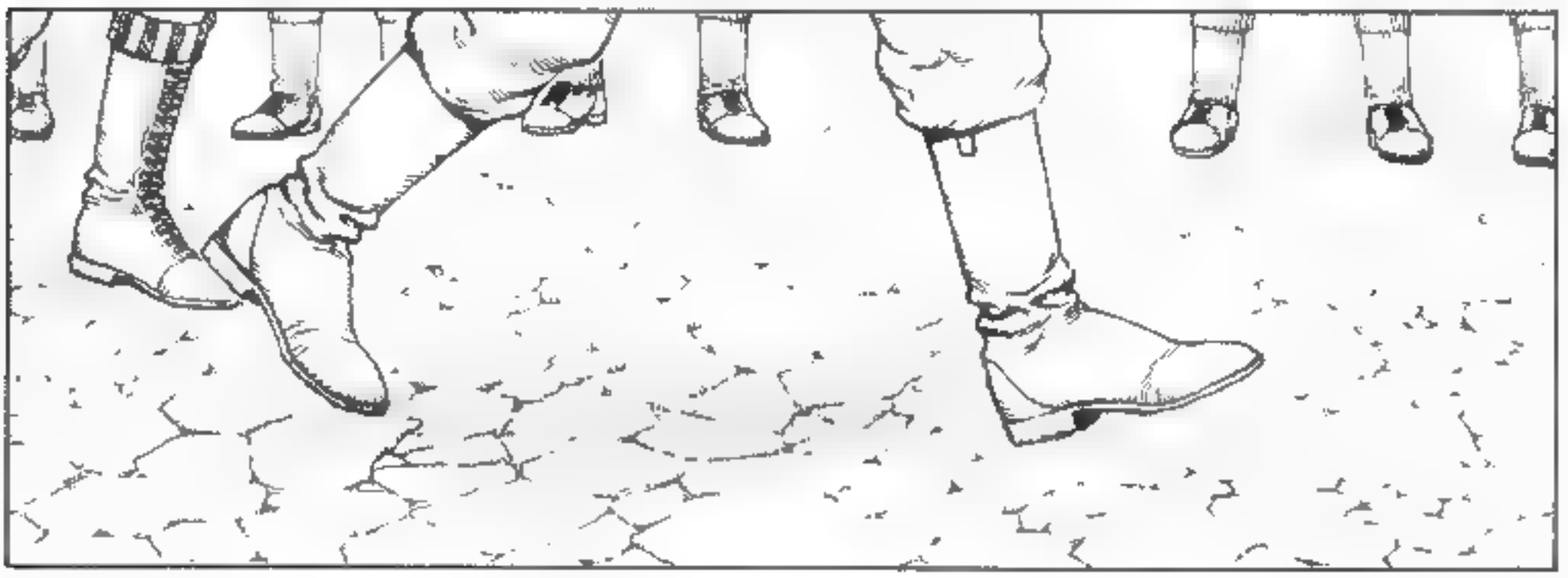
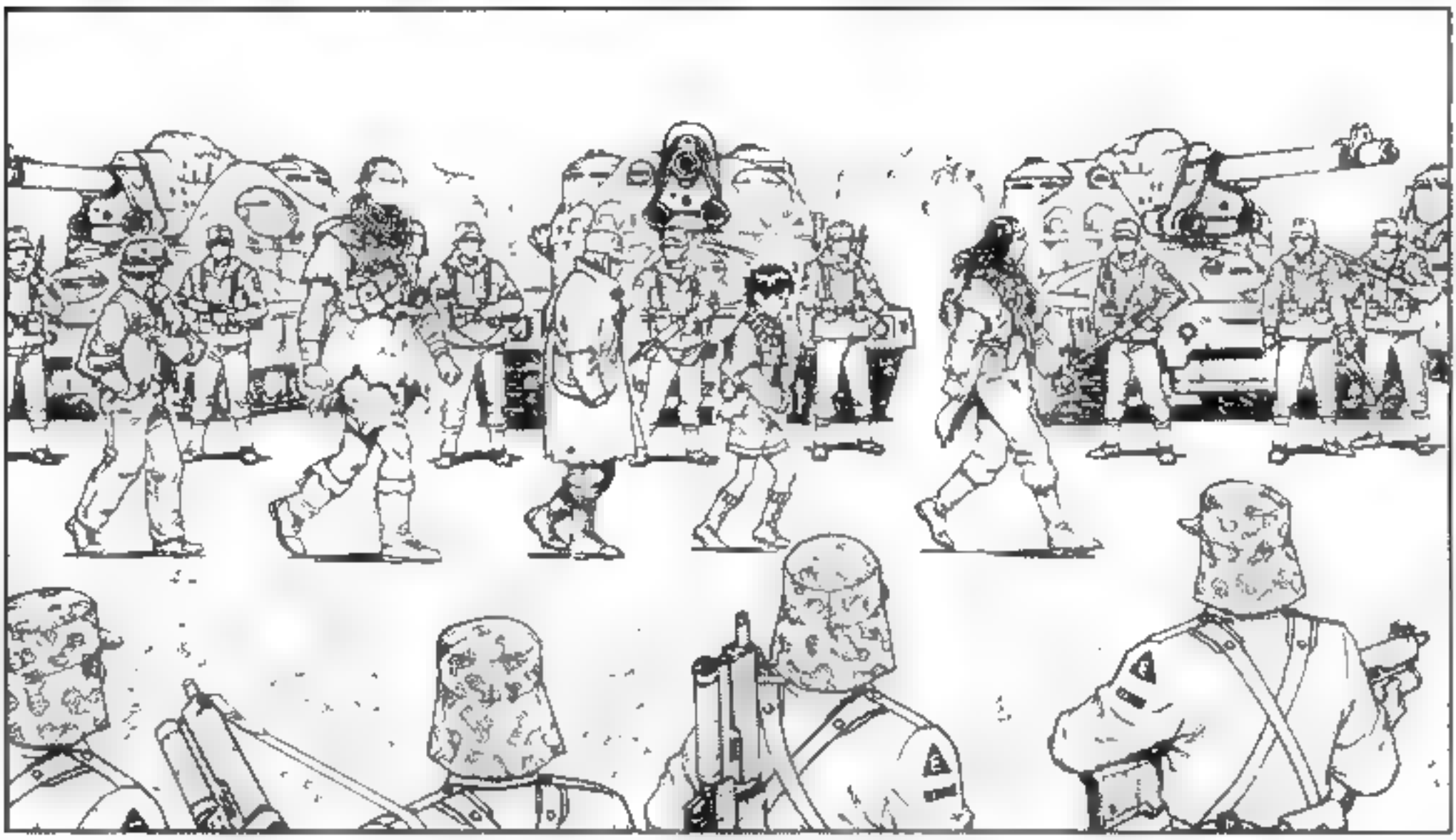
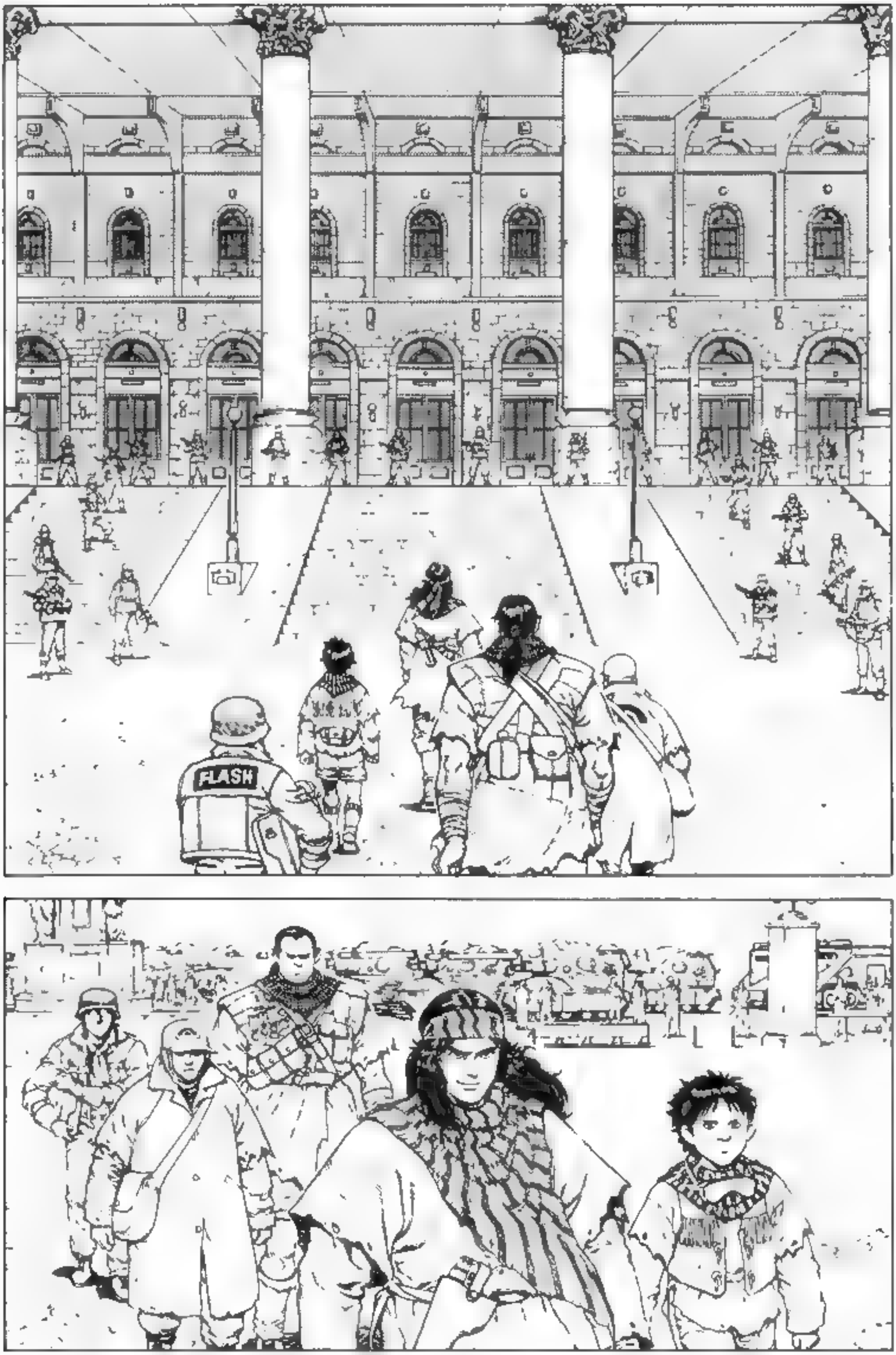
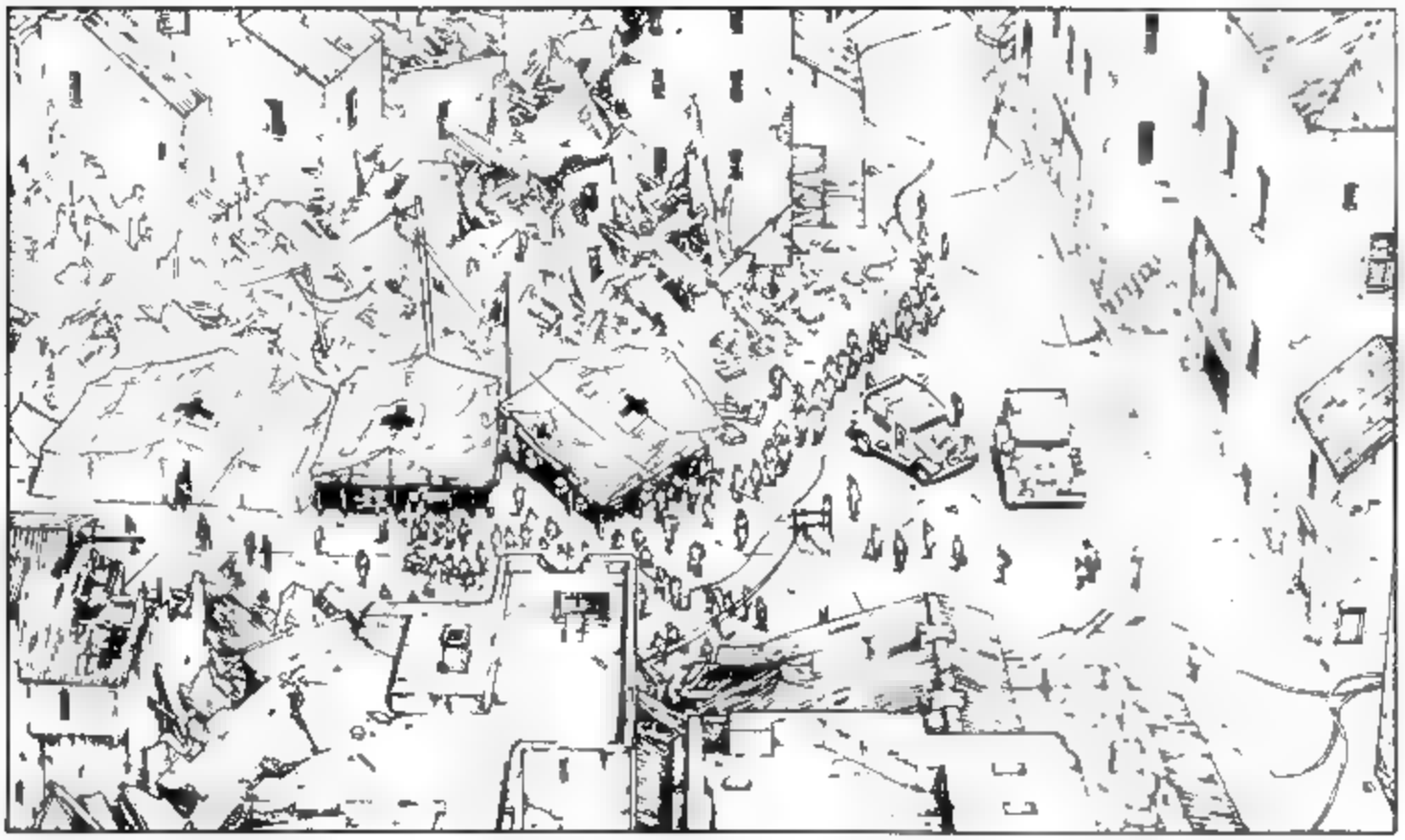

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN...?!
E
EARTH
WE CAN'T LET THEM PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE!

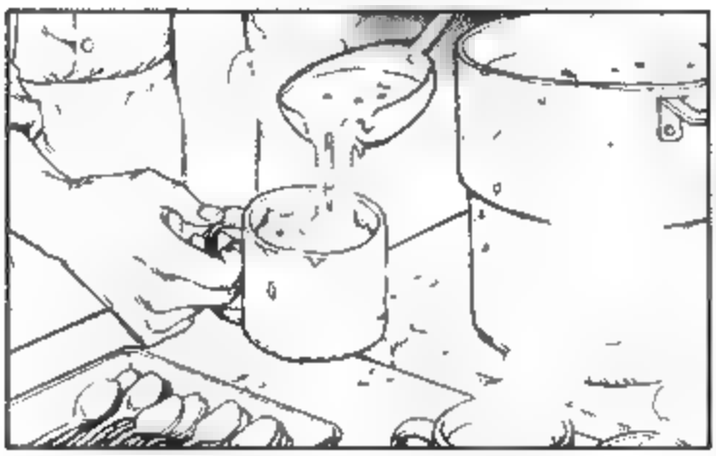







FLASH





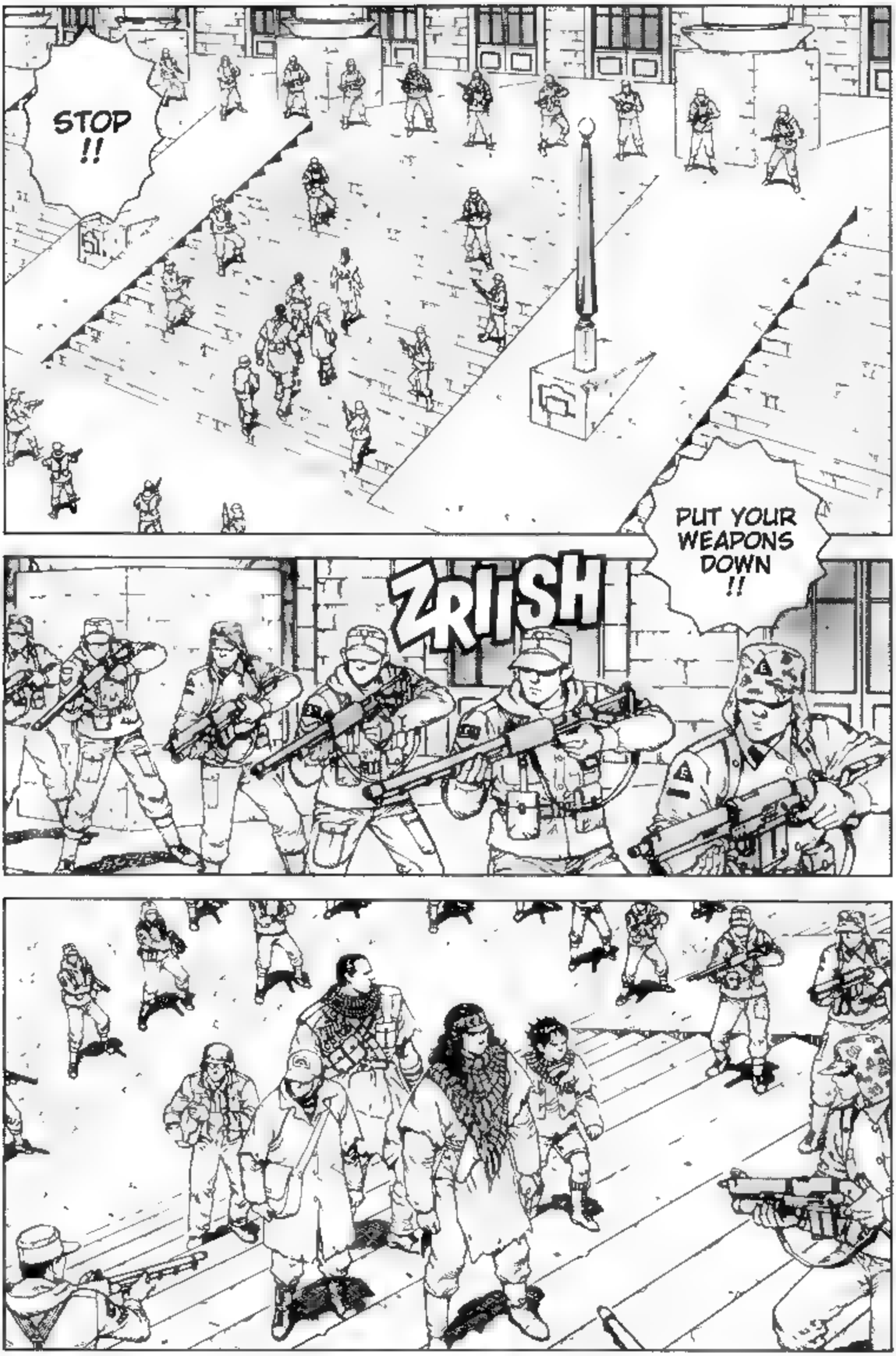
THEY'RE TRYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PEACE TALKS!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

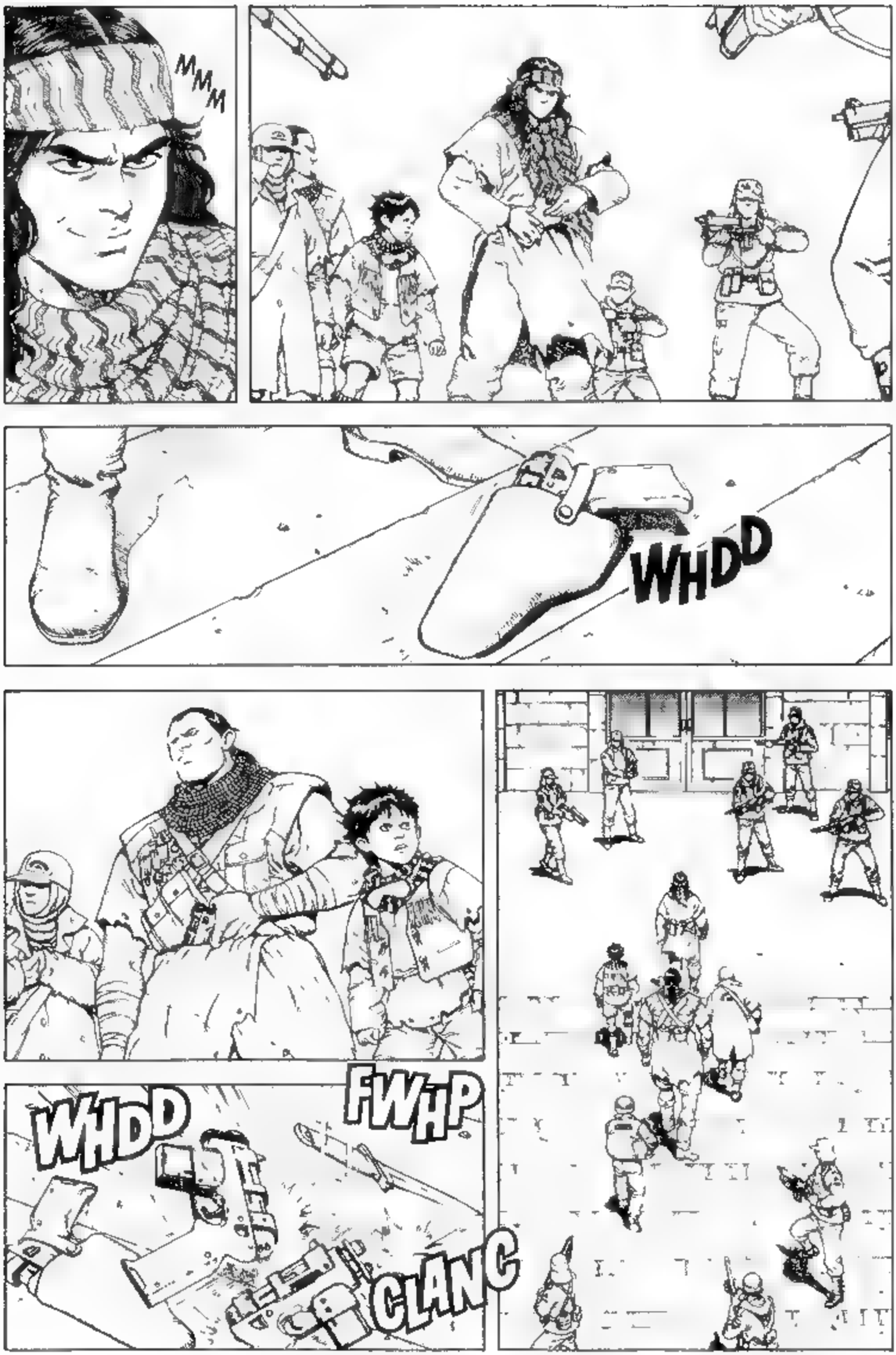
THEIR FRIENDS ARE GATHERED ALL AROUND THE TOWN!

...THAT GROUP "HARATO" IS THE ENEMY OF MOTHER EARTH AND EPOCH'S AS WELL ...
THEY WON'T LEAVE THIS PLACE ALIVE.

CLANC

THE "HARATO" ARE HERE ?!
?!


STOP !!
PUT YOUR WEAPONS DOWN !!
ZRIISH

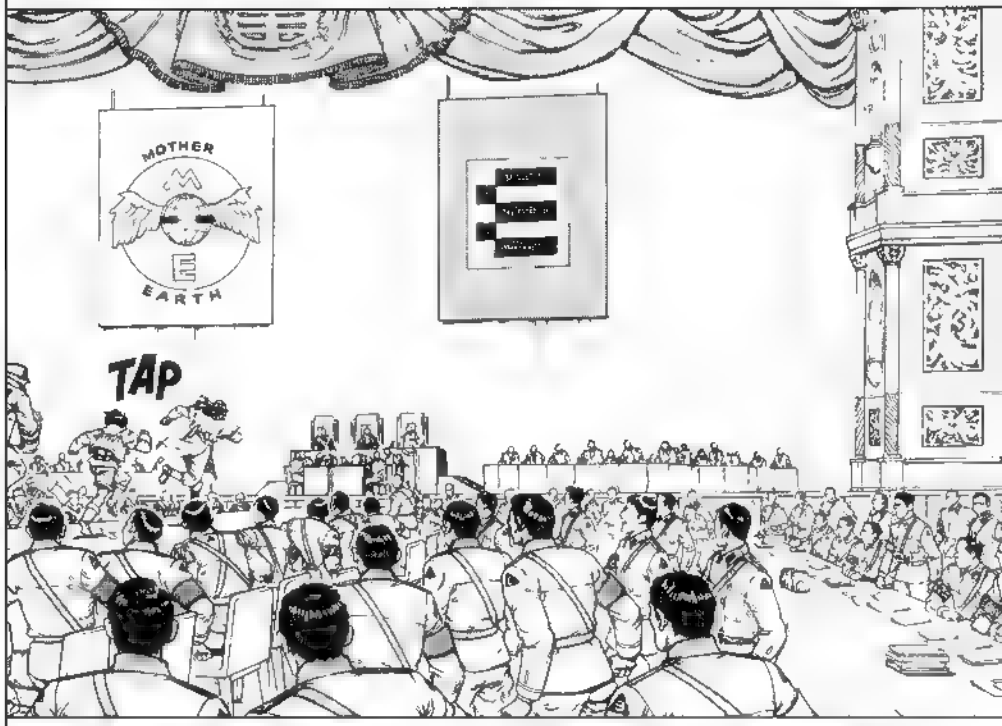

MMM
WHDD
WHDD
FWAP
CLANC

WRAKK
HUMPF !!
WHO... WHO ARE YOU!?
YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENTER HERE!

DON'T PISS ME OFF!!
WHAM
FWAK
WHOK
WHAM
OH!
LET'S GO!!
TAP TAP

FWOOSSSHH
SHIT !!
FWUD
FWAKK
ZISH

TAP
TAP


MOTHER
EARTH
TAP

FWAK

!

TELL YOUR GUARDS TO STAY BACK!

TAP TAP
TAP TAP
YOU'RE SURROUNDED, GIVE UP!
ZISH
NO!!
CHAK
!

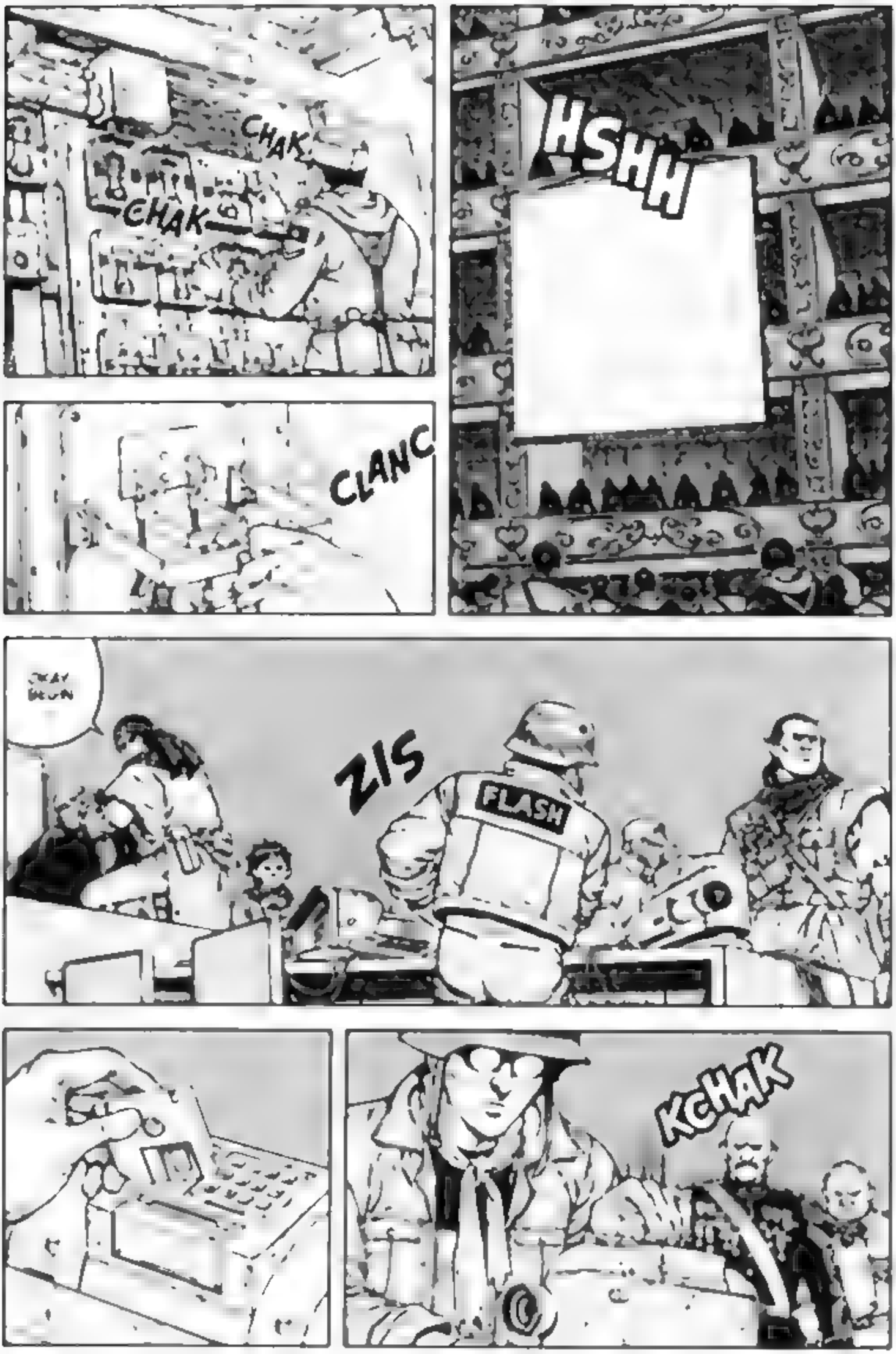
AAAH! A GRE-NADE!
HE HAS A GRENADE!
CHK
OO OW !!
TRUST ME, I WON'T HESITATE TO USE IT ...
YOU'LL LISTEN WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY!
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL GET AWAY WITH THIS?

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT LATER !!
TELL THOSE SOLDIERS TO PUT THEIR WEAPONS DOWN!
W... WELL ...
DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID?!
THIS IS A PLACE FOR US TO TALK ABOUT PEACE AND NOT A BATTLEFIELD!
LISTEN TO THESE PEOPLE!

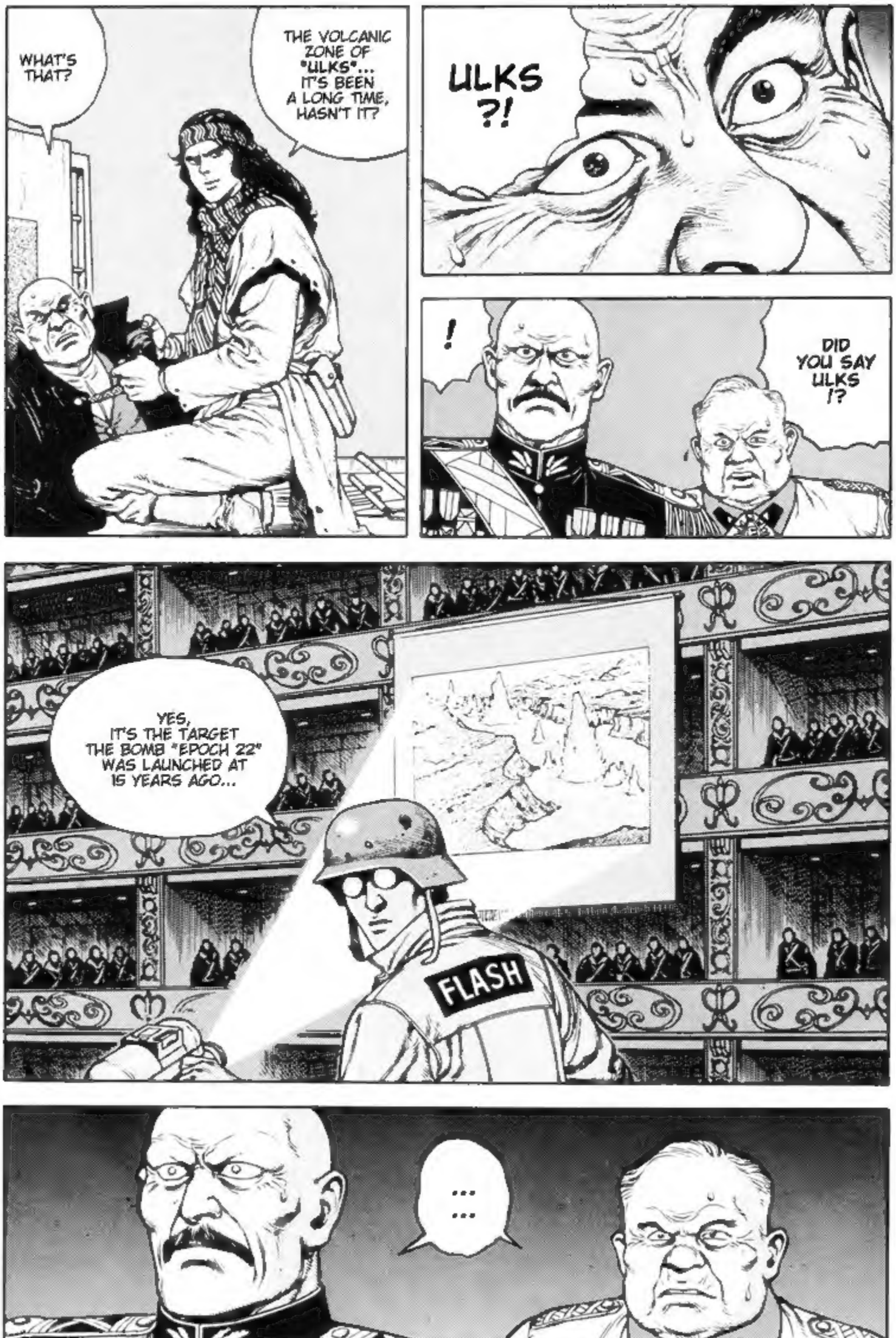
SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?!
TASUKO ...
ZIS
KRASH
THUD
CLAC
!
CHAK
CHAK
WHAT'S THAT?
CHAK

DON'T WORRY!
IT'S JUST A PROJECTOR !!
THUD
THAT FLAG ...
TURN THAT FLAG OVER!
NEXT, TURN OFF THE LIGHTS !!

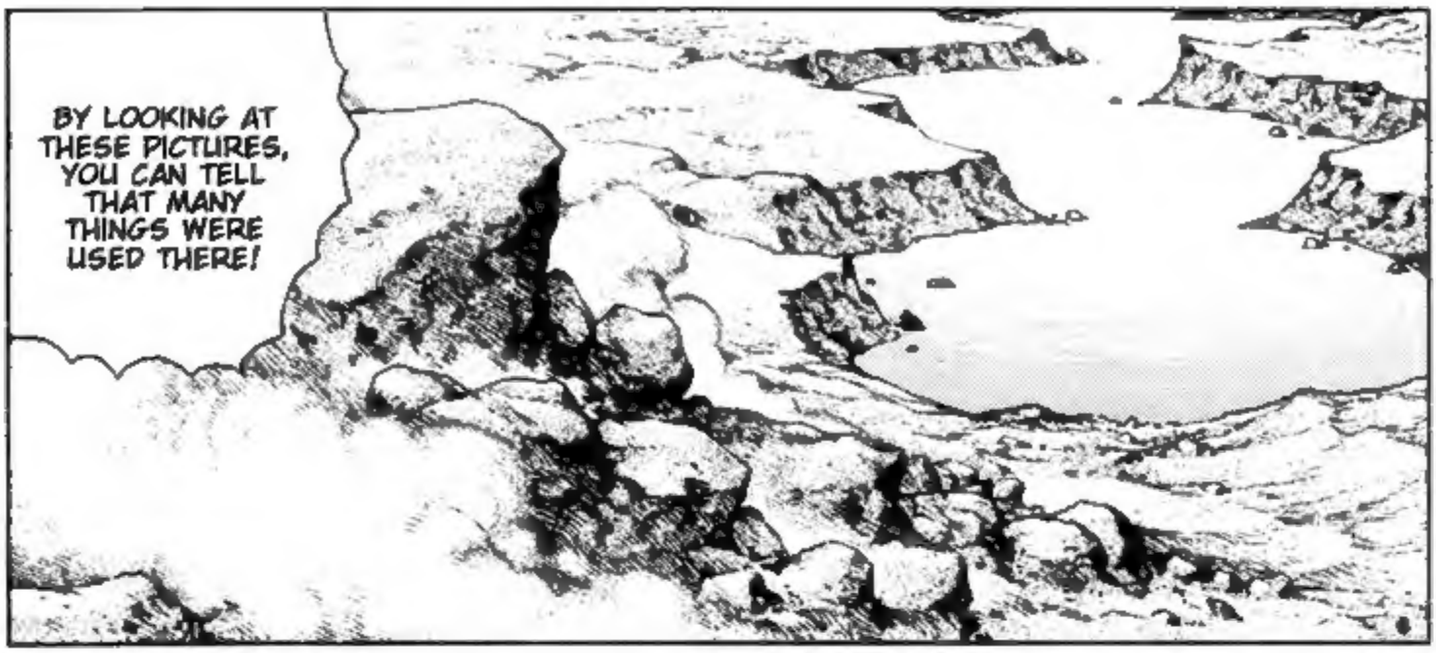
BUT... ?
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
HURRY UP!!
I'M LOSING PATIENCE !!
WH. WHAT DO YOU WANT !?
ZISH
ZISH


CHAK
CHAK
HSHH
CLANC
OKAY BEAN
ZIS
FLASH
KCHAK

VRRR
OH!
IT'S...
WHAT'S THAT?


WHAT'S THAT?
THE VOLCANIC ZONE OF "ULKS"... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT?
ULKS ?!
!
DID YOU SAY ULKS !?
YES, IT'S THE TARGET THE BOMB "EPOCH 22" WAS LAUNCHED AT 15 YEARS AGO...
FLASH
...
...

HMM...
VRR
VRRR
!
AND THAT... ?!
AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY DIDN'T USE ONLY ONE BOMB!


BY LOOKING AT THESE PICTURES, YOU CAN TELL THAT MANY THINGS WERE USED THERE!

BLA
BLA
BLA
BLA

IS THAT TRUE !?
YOUR REPORTS DIDN'T MENTION ALL THAT!

WELL... WE'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE, IT'S THE SCIENTIST!

THE LESSON ISN'T OVER YET!
TASUKO, THE NEXT !!